

## NEW HAVEN CITY PLAN COMMISSION ADVISORY REPORT

**RE:** **RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF ALDERS** Authorizing the Mayor to accept \$217,597 in funding from the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection and sign any associated state agreements, agreements with contractors and other documents that may be desirable or necessary, including any subsequent amendments to agreements, regarding improvements to DeGale Field for playground, splash pad and related improvements. (Director of Parks, Recreation, and Trees)

**REPORT: 1554-15**

**ADVICE:** Approval

### BACKGROUND

At its September 20, 2018 Bond Commission meeting, the State of Connecticut authorized \$217,597 of State Bond Funding from the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection for playground, splash pad and related improvements at New Haven's DeGale Field located on Goffe Street. State Representative Toni Walker championed the funding for the needed improvements to DeGale Field, otherwise known as Goffe Street Park, on behalf New Haven residents. The Department of Parks, Recreation and Trees conducted an initial visioning session with residents to gauge vision and need regarding improvements to the park. Residents identified splash pad, seating, and security improvements as priorities for the project.

### PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS

The Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection funding will help the City achieve New Haven Vision 2025 goals of preserving, maintaining and enhancing parks, dedicated open space, and active recreational spaces throughout the city. Residents of New Haven, especially youth, will significantly benefit from funding used to implement improvements to DeGale Field. Upon authorization of funds, the Department of Parks, Recreation and Trees plans to continue to engage with the community regarding specific concepts and infrastructure that will incorporate previously identified park improvement priorities.

### ADVICE

The Commission finds the Resolution in the best interest of the City and recommends approval.

**ADOPTED:** February 20, 2019  
Edward Mattison  
Chair

**ATTEST:** MPL  
Michael Piscitelli, AICP  
Interim Economic Development Administrator