NEW HAVEN CITY PLAN COMMISSION ADVISORY REPORT

RE:

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF ALDERS Authorizing the Mayor to accept \$575,000 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 athletic fields at Fairmont Park. (Director of Parks, Recreation, and Trees)

REPORT: 1554-16 ADVICE: Approval

BACKGROUND

At its September 20, 2018 Bond Commission meeting, the State of Connecticut authorized \$575,000 of State Bond Funding from the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection for athletic field and related improvements at Fairmont Park located on Clifton Street. State Representative Paolillo and Senator Looney championed the funding for the needed improvements to Fairmont Park on behalf of New Haven residents.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS

Funding from the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection 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 Fairmont Park. Upon authorization of funds, the New Haven Department of Parks, Recreation and Trees will initiate a community visioning process to identify and prioritize Fairmont Park improvements, which may include enhancements to athletic field draining, irrigation, fencing, lighting, and security.

ADVICE

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

ADOPTED:

February 20, 2019

Edward Mattison

Chair

ATTEST:

Michael Piscitelli, AICP

Interim Economic Development Administrator