## NEW HAVEN CITY PLAN COMMISSION ADVISORY REPORT

**RE:** ORDER OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS approving the

Parks Department and Department of Engineering to apply for and accept \$1,000,000 from the State of Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development for upgrades to the New Haven Green. (Parks

Department and City Engineer)

**REPORT:** 1512-09 **ADVICE:** Approval

## **BACKGROUND**

At its September 29<sup>th</sup> Bond Commission Meeting the State of Connecticut authorized a \$1,000,000 grant from the Department of Economic and Community Development to fund the renovation of the New Haven Green, which is needed for safety, aesthetic, and cultural purposes.

The project will be completed in cooperation between the Parks Department and the Department of Engineering. Furthermore, the Committee of the Proprietors of the Common and Undivided Lands in New Haven, which has existed as a steward of the Green since 1805, has agreed to work with the City to facilitate these renovations.

## PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS

Operated as a City Park, the New Haven Green is the physical and cultural center of New Haven. It is used as a community park; environmental resource; public forum; and site for educational, cultural, and artistic activities. The proposed funding would provide the first renovation of the Green in more than 30 years, and would help address day-to-day maintenance challenges and infrastructure deficiencies during cultural events.

## ADVICE

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

**ADOPTED:** November 18, 2015

**Edward Mattison** 

Chair

ATTEST:

Karyn M. Gilvarg, AIA
Executive Director