

NEW HAVEN CITY PLAN COMMISSION ADVISORY REPORT

RE: ORDER OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS EXTENDING RESIDENTIAL PARKING ZONE 2 TO INCLUDE STARR STREET TO WINCHESTER AVENUE (ODD SIDE BEGINNING AT #493) TO DIVISION STREET (BEGINNING AT #99) TO PROSPECT STREET TO STARR STREET (Alder Edwards)

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ADVICE: Approval

BACKGROUND

The Order before the Board would authorize extension of the existing Residential Parking Zone #2 by adding a rectangular area north of Science Park bounded by Division Street on the south, Prospect Street on the east, Starr Street on the north and by Winchester Avenue on the west. There is a companion Order for expansion of the RPZ 2 to the west of Winchester Ave.

As Science Park welcomes more tenants at 344 Winchester and buildings south of there continue to be more fully tenanted, Newhallville residents, many of whom do not have off-street parking due to the older pattern of lot sizes and structures in the area, have become concerned about crowding and availability in the on-street supply of parking. Residents and the City have noted concerns about Yale University staff, student and contractors parking all day on-street east and west of Prospect Street. The University maintains a Central Campus and Science Hill Parking Plan, providing 3918 spaces, with 1237 spaces available; however user compliance is voluntary and University affiliates may choose to park on-street to avoid costs or longer walking distances. Similar problems have occurred with NHBOE staff around Lincoln Bassett School which has limited off street parking; and it is noted that there are other tenants in Science Park and more coming (Highville Charter School, etc.) Municipal ticketing within the RPZ may help push employees and students into available lots and garages.

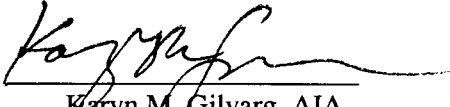
PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS

In order to insure resident parking availability in areas which are adjacent to employment or shopping areas the Board of Alders created Residential Parking Zones. Several have been in effect for decades. Alder Edwards has proposed extension of RPZ #2 to include an area north of Division Street. (See attached map) The Transportation Department has worked with the Alder and the Community Management Team to propose this addition.

ADVICE

The Commission finds the Order to extend RPZ #2 in the best interest of the neighborhood and the City as it will preserve on-street parking for neighborhood residents in a densely populated area and therefor recommends approval.

ADOPTED: February 18, 2015
Edward Mattison
Chair

ATTEST: 
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Executive Director