

NEW HAVEN CITY PLAN COMMISSION ADVISORY REPORT

RE: DORMAN STREET BETWEEN SHERMAN PARKWAY AND
FOURNIER STREET, Rescind Residential Parking Zone (Alderman
Wingate).
REPORT: 1477-08
ADVICE: Approval

BACKGROUND

Alderman Wingate, 29th Ward, proposes in behalf of the residents of one block of Dorman Street between Sherman Parkway and Fournier Street, that a residential parking zone (RPZ) established in 2003 be rescinded. Alderman Wingate writes "The RPZ was established ...when there was an on going school construction project in the area that caused a continuous increase in the number of nonresidents to park on the street, taking up all of the parking spaces in the area, and leaving the residents with no where to park. The residents agree that a RPZ is of no use to them and are requesting that it be removed."

A petition signed by all but one of the residents in the block has been included with the request.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS

Alderman Charles Blango originally proposed the RPZ in 2003. Dorman Street is a two block long one-way street that runs between Dixwell Avenue and Fournier Street in the Newhallville neighborhood. The residents on the block between Sherman Parkway and Fournier Street had requested the zone because construction workers working on the adjacent Jackie Robinson School, then under construction, occupied spaces on their block leaving little room for resident on street parking. While some of the houses have off-street spaces, some did not have enough room to park off-street. The zone was approved by the Board of Aldermen and the single block was posted as part of Residential Parking Zone 15.

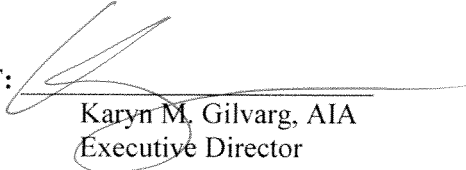
A weekday site visit at 2 PM shows there was plenty of available on street parking (although the signage on the street prohibits parking unless one has a permit or visitors permit).

ADVICE

The Commission believes that the request is valid and that it would be appropriate to remove this block of Dorman Street from Residential Zone 15. It therefore recommends approval of the submitted Order.

ADOPTED: April 17, 2013
Edward Mattison
Chair

ATTEST:


Karyn M. Gilvarg, AIA
Executive Director