NEW HAVEN CITY PLAN COMMISSION ADVISORY REPORT

RE:

456-458 ORCHARD STREET, Land Disposition for Construction of a new Single-Family

Dwelling (Neighborhood Housing Services of New Haven).

REPORT:

1434-19

ADVICE:

Approval with Condition

PROJECT SUMMARY:

Developer:

Neighborhood Housing Services of New Haven

Disposition Price:

\$1,000 plus \$16,578 tax lien

Site:

7,841 sq.ft.

Zone:

RM-2

Use:

New Construction of Single-Family Dwelling

Financing:

Not Provided

Subsidy:

None

City Lead:

Velma George

Agency:

Livable City Initiative

Phone:

946-8562

BACKGROUND

The City acquired Reuse Parcel TF-316-0265-01700 through tax foreclosure and proposes to sell it to Neighborhood Housing Services of New Haven for the construction of a new single-family dwelling by Yale architecture students.

The subject parcel is flat, vacant and clear of debris. It is located on a residential street near the intersection of Orchard and Elm in the Dwight neighborhood.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS

Evaluation of the site was based on examination of a plot plan, the LCI PAD submission materials, the zoning regulations and the geographic information system. The City proposes to sell TF-316-0265-01700 for \$1,000 plus a \$16,578 tax lien. The Commission has not addressed the issue of price. This item was presented at the October 21, 2009 PAD meeting and was approved without conditions.

The subject parcel exceeds the minimum lot size and average lot width for the RM-2 zone. NHS plans to construct a single-family dwelling for sale to an owner-occupant. The lot averages 50' in width, therefore it should be possible to situate the new home in a way that does not require zoning relief.

ADVICE

The Commission finds the proposed reuse of the property suitable for the site in question and recommends approval with condition:

1. Zoning relief, if necessary, shall be obtained prior to closing.

ADOPTED:

November 18, 2009

Edward Mattison

Chair

REVISED:

December 15, 2010

ATTEST:

Karyn M. Gilvarg A.I.A.

Executive Director

