

NEW HAVEN CITY PLAN COMMISSION SITE PLAN REVIEW

RE: WEST PARK AVENUE AND ELM STREET, Site Plan Review for Traffic Calming
Intersection Improvements (Owner/Applicant: City Engineer).

REPORT: 1433-07

ACTION: Approval with Conditions

CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

1. Bid documents shall be reviewed by Department of Traffic and Parking, prior to initiation of site work.
2. Any proposed work within City right-of-way will require separate permits.
3. Final determination of pavement markings, V-loc locations, signs, traffic controls and any temporary closures within the public right of way will be subject to the approval of the Department of Transportation, Traffic and Parking.
4. Any sidewalks or curbs damaged during the construction period shall be replaced in accord with standard City details.
5. As-built site plan shall be filed with City Plan Department. Site Plan shall be submitted in both mylar and digital format [DWF file based on the State Plane Coordinates (NAD1983)].

Submission: Plan Set by Wilbur Smith Associates October 2009: Title Sheet, Detailed Estimate Sheet, General Plan, General Plan Additional Dimensioning, Pavement Marking g& Striping and Signing Plan, Grading Plan, Typical Sections, Planting Schedule, Standard CNH Details.

PROJECT SUMMARY:

Project: West Park Avenue Traffic Calming
Address: West Park Avenue at intersection with Elm Street
Zone: RS-1, Park
Owner: City of New Haven
Agent: Richard H. Miller, City Engineer **Phone:** 203-946-8105
Site Engineer: Wilbur Smith Associates **Phone:** 203-865-2191
City Lead: City Engineer **Phone:** 203-946-8105

BACKGROUND

Proposed Activity: The City proposes a public improvement in the form of a traffic calming project for West Park Avenue at the intersection with Elm Street in Westville. West Park Avenue runs along the eastern side of a portion of Edgewood Park., and the City Engineer proposes to install a three-point roundabout to slow down north and south bound traffic in this location where speeding is common. Some new catch basins will be installed as well as new accessible ramps in six locations. This project is expected to start after the awarding of a City Bid with completion slated for Spring 2009.

The roundabout will be similar to several on Woodward Avenue, with stamped concrete pavers around a central landscaped island.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS

The traffic calming project was initiated due to neighborhood concerns regarding safety generated by fast moving traffic and "drag racing" upon occasion. Installation of the roundabout should calm the traffic and prevent speeding. The roundabout has been designed to avoid encroachment onto the Park property. The roundabout, "splitter islands" and bump outs will be landscaped with grasses and other low rising plants. The Commission assumes that the Department of Parks will maintain the planting materials on the roundabout, although adoption by a neighborhood group would be ideal.

SITE PLAN REVIEW

Plans have been reviewed by the Site Plan Review team with representatives from LCI Building, City Plan, City Engineer, Disabilities Services and Department of Transportation, Traffic and Parking and have been found to meet the requirements of City ordinances, Regulations and standard details.

ACTION

The City Plan Commission adopts the submitted Site Plans subject to the standard conditions (see page 1).

ADOPTED: October 21, 2009
Edward Mattison
Chair

ATTEST: 
Karyn M. Gilvarg, AIA
Executive Director