

NEW HAVEN CITY PLAN COMMISSION ADVISORY REPORT

RE: ORDER OF THE BOARD OF ALDERS OF THE CITY OF NEW HAVEN
AUTHORIZING THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS TO ACCEPT AN IN-
KIND DONATION FROM PROJECT BACKBOARD FOR THE REPAIR AND
RESURFACING OF TWO BASKETBALL COURTS AT GOFFE STREET
PARK/DEGALE FIELD
Submitted by: Giovanni Zinn, City Engineer

REPORT: 1611-09

ADVICE: Approve.

BACKGROUND

The City has been working with Project Backboard to create an artistic refurbishment of two basketball courts at Goffe Street Park/DeGale Field. This work will create a unique community amenity and enhance the park. The City has with the Friends of Goffe St Park, the WEB CMT, and Alder Abdussabur to further this project.

Project Backboard is a 501(c)(3) organization, founded in 2015, whose mission is to renovate public basketball courts and install large scale works of site specific art on the surface in order to strengthen communities, improve park safety, encourage multi-generational play, and inspire people to think more critically and creatively about their environment.

The City Engineer requests that the Board of Alders authorize the Board of Park Commissioners to accept a donation of labor, materials and supplies from Project Blackboard to repair and refurbish two basketball courts at Goffe Street Park/DeGale Field as set forth in the proposed Order.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS

In accordance with Title I, Article XIII, Section 2(A) of the New Haven Code of Ordinances states, **"Every Ordinance or Resolution of the Board of Alders relating to the location and use of any street, bridge, boulevard, esplanade, square, park, playground, playfield, aviation field, parking space, public building, [grant funding], the facilities or terminals of any public utility, or the establishment or change in the boundaries of or regulations concerning zoning, shall be at once referred to the City Planning Commission and final action shall not be taken on any such Ordinance or Resolution until the commission shall have reported thereon, provided that the Board of Alders may establish by ordinance a period of not less than sixty (60) Days within which the commission shall file its report with the City Clerk and if no report is filed within such period the approval of the commission shall be presumed."** Accordingly, the Board of Alders seeks guidance regarding the proposed amendment.

The Board of Alder seeks guidance as to:

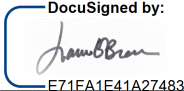
- Whether the proposal is aligned with the City's Comprehensive Plan.
- The City's Comprehensive Plan states, as a goal, to **"Connect residents to quality outdoor recreation."**

ADVICE

The proposal is aligned with the City's Comprehensive Plan because it:

- Improves outdoor recreation space
- Repairs deteriorated infrastructure
- Promotes arts and culture

ADOPTED: June 15, 2022
Leslie Radcliffe
Chair

ATTEST: 
Laura E Brown
Executive Director, City Plan Department