

## NEW HAVEN CITY PLAN COMMISSION ADVISORY REPORT

**RE:** Acceptance of the Wooster Square Monument.  
Submitted by: Cultural Affairs Commission

**REPORT:** 1620-06

**ADVICE:** Approve

### BACKGROUND

The Wooster Square Monument Committee (“WSMC”) was formed by Mayor Justin Elicker on June 29, 2020 to formally decide how to appropriately honor the contributions to Italian-Americans in New Haven. The WSMC carried out its work through a collaborative process, convening numerous public meetings with broad representation from residents in the area and the general public.

The design review process was led by Bill Iovanne and the late Laura Luzzi, who served as co-chairs of the WSMC along with a diverse committee of Wooster Square residents, business owners, society members and public officials. The Monument, titled “Indicando la via al futuro” or “Pointing the way to the future”, represents a depiction of the immigrant experience in New Haven and the diversity of the community in a spirit of inclusion.

In furtherance of the Commission’s role as set forth in Section 2-672 of the Code of General Ordinances and in light of the Monument’s proposed location within the Wooster Square Local Historic District, a Certificate of Appropriateness and the design plans were approved by the Historic District Commission. Wooster Square is a City Park falling under the jurisdiction of the New Haven Parks Commission. Formal approval from the Board of Parks Commissioners is anticipated at their next regularly scheduled meeting.

### PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS

This proposal 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, 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.

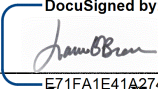
- The City’s Comprehensive Plan states, as a goal, to **“Preserve the historic character of neighborhoods.”**

**ADVICE**

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

- Fosters a greater "sense of place" and neighborhood pride.

**ADOPTED:** October 26, 2022  
Leslie Radcliffe  
Chair

**ATTEST:**  November 18, 2022 | 4:26  
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Laura E Brown  
Executive Director, City Plan Department