

September 20, 2021

REGARDING

Motion to authorize the Executive Director to evaluate and negotiate necessary and appropriate agreements for the creation and operation of a community park and amenities at the surface lot located at 25 George Street, subject to applicable regulations and intergovernmental approvals.

PURPOSE

As part of the Authority's initiative to support local neighborhood and community needs, the creation of the park, with ancillary uses including a skate rink, performance space, electrical vehicle charging stations, food trucks, parking, and other amenities, will add to the quality of neighborhood life and local development.

COST

The intended purpose is a temporary installation that will require expenses relating to, including but not limited to maintenance, landscaping, fencing, and lighting. This motion authorizes the Executive Director to seek out and obtain potential funding and grant sources.

DISCUSSION

25 George Street is one of the surface lots along George Street. The lot is currently underutilized and would need substantial investment to bring it to parking standards. To do so is not in the best interest of the Authority as the Coliseum project will have its own parking; and the Authority currently operates an adjacent lot that is also underutilized. The discussions to date with various groups have indicated a willingness to find funding to offset any construction and operating costs of the park.

FUNDING SOURCE

To the extent available, funding will be from grants, unbudgeted revenues, and other sources. The Executive Director will provide periodic updates to the Board about the project, its funding, and any other necessary approvals.

RECOMMENDATION

Allow the Executive Director to pursue negotiations for the construction and operation of the community park.

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Moved that the New Haven Parking Authority Hereby Authorizes the Executive Director to Evaluate and Negotiate the Necessary and Appropriate Agreements for the Creation and Operation of a Community Park at the Surface Lot Located at 25 George Street, Subject to Applicable Regulations And Intergovernmental Approvals.

At a Regular Meeting of the New Haven Parking Authority, duly warned and open to the public, held via Zoom teleconference at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, September 20, 2021, Commissioners of the Authority being present, the above Motion was proposed by Commissioner _____, seconded by Commissioner _____, put to vote and unanimously adopted.

Certified to be a true and correct copy.

Douglas Hausladen
Secretary