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Arlevia T. Samuel Executive Director

CITY OF NEW HAVEN

Justin Elicker, Mayor

LIVABLE CITY INITIATIVE

165 Church Street, 3rd Floor New Haven, CT 06510 Phone: (203) 946-7090 Fax: (203) 946-4899



AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEP Michael Piscitelli Economic Development Administrator

January 27, 2023 The Honorable Tyisha Walker-Myers, President Board of Alders City of New Haven 165 Church Street New Haven, CT 06510

Re: Acquisition of 262 Dixwell Avenue, 263 Dixwell Avenue, 265 Dixwell Avenue, & 269 Dixwell Avenue

Dear President Walker-Myers:

In accordance with the Board of Alder's Land Disposition Guidelines revisions dated July 6, 2009 and September 5th, 2006, as well as the Board of Alder's May 20th, 1996 order establishing the Livable City Initiative and requiring that said Initiative submit a list of land acquisition and disposition matters, I am writing to respectfully request that the Honorable Board approve the City's acquisition and disposition of the properties more fully described in the attached submission. In addition, I have attached the City Plan Commission Advisory Reports for these properties as required by the same order referred to above.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

Arlevia T. Samuel

Executive Director

LIST OF PROPERTIES PROPOSED FOR AQUISITION February 6, 2023

ADDRESS	Type	Price	Owner	USE	WARD
262 Dixwell Avenue	2 Family	\$ 1,300,000.00 plus closing costs for the	530 EASTERN NH LLC	The City of New Haven proposes to acquire a portfolio of properties at 262 Dixwell Avenue,	21 & 22
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ORDER OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS APPROVING (1) THE ACQUISITION OF 262 DIXWELL AVENUE, 263 DIXWELL AVENUE, 265 DIXWELL AVENUE, AND 269 DIXWELL AVENUE BY THE CITY OF NEW HAVEN FOR \$ 1,300,000.00 PLUS CLOSING COSTS

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BE IT ORDERED by the New Haven Board of Alders that the acquisition and disposition by the City of New Haven of those properties referenced in the attached list dated January 3, 2023 which is incorporated herein by reference, is approved subject to conditions of the City Plan Commission reports submitted with said list and in accordance with the procedure established by the Board of Aldermen on May 20, 1996 and first revised on September 5, 2006 and amended on July 6th, 2009; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED that the Mayor of the City of New Haven is authorized to execute and deliver all such instruments as may be necessary or expedient to effectuate the intents and purposes of this Order; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED that this Order will expire and be of no further force and effect twelve months from the date of passage of this Order, unless extended (a) by the Board of Alders, or (b) by the Executive Director of the Office of Economic Development for a period not to exceed a further twelve months and with written notice to the Board of Alders

PRIOR NOTIFICATION FORM

NOTICE OF MATTER TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE BOARD OF ALDERS

TO (list applicable Alders):		Hon. Jeanette Morrison Hon. Steven Winter		
DATE:	November 8, 2022			
FROM:	Department LCI Property Division			
	Person	Evan Trachten Telephone 946-8373		
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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

DATE: FROM (Dept.): CONTACT:	-	January 27, 2023 Livable City Initiat Arlevia Samuel, Ex	(203) 946-8436			
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<u>Other Comments</u>: The funds must be disbursed by April 30, 2023. Funds have been rolled over from fiscal year 20-21.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT TO BE FILED WITH SUBMISSION OF ITEM TO BOARD OF ALDERS

DATE: February 6, 2023

FROM: Livable City Initiative Property Division

SUBMISSION ITEM: FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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I. List Cost:

General Special Capital/Bond Line Item
Dept/Act/Obj. Code

- A. Personnel
 - 1. Initial start-up
 - 2. One-time
- B. Non-Personnel
 - 1. Initial start-up
 - 2. One-time expense CDBG Community Development Main Street 29251194-56694
 - 3. Annual
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 - 1. One-time
 - 2. Annual:

Other Comments: Please note, Main Street funding: The original allocation was from Fiscal Year 20-21. The \$1.3M funding has been rolling over year to year for 3 fiscal years. The funds must be disbursed by 4/30/2023.

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CITY OF NEW HAVEN

JUSTIN ELICKER, MAYOR

165 Church Street
New Haven, Connecticut 06510
T: 203.946.8200 F: 203.946.7683



January 27, 2023

Hon. Tyisha Walker-Myers President, New Haven Board of Alders 165 Church Street, 2nd Floor New Haven, CT 06510

Dear President Walker-Myers,

Pursuant to Section 21-29 of the New Haven Code of Ordinances and Article IV Section 3B of the Charter of the City of New Haven, and the past practice of the Livable City Initiative and Board of Alders, I certify the following land disposition of the Livable City Bureau to be an acquisition of an Emergency Nature for which immediate action is necessary; and to be deemed second readings proper for vote at the next full meeting of the Board of Alders:

Address/MBLU:

- 1. 262 Dixwell Avenue / MBLU 294-0343-00700
- 2. 263 Dixwell Avenue / MBLU 282-0347-03700
- 3. 265 Dixwell Avenue / MBLU 282-0347-03800
- 4. 269 Dixwell Avenue / MBLU 282-0347-03900

Please find the attached pertinent information for the disposition of each property identified above, including the required City Plan Commission Report, proposed purchaser, square footage, proposed disposition cost.

The acquisition of these properties will further the LCI mission of neighborhood improvement and the amelioration of blighting influences in the City of New Haven. Thank you for your time and consideration in these important LCI matters.

Sincerely,

Justin Elicker

NEW HAVEN CITY PLAN COMMISSION ADVISORY REPORT

RE: 262, 263, 265, &269 DIXWELL AVENUE. MBLUs: 294 0343 00700, 282 0347 03700, 282

0347 03800, 282 0347 03900

Acquisition of four lots for a mixed-income, mixed-use future development. Located in the BA

Zoning District. (Submitted by: Evan Trachten, Livable City Initiative)

REPORT: 1622-02 ADVICE: Approval

PROJECT SUMMARY:

Applicant(s): City of New Haven/Livable City Initiative

Price: up to \$1,300.000 plus closing costs

Site: 22,207 square feet

Zone: BA

Use: Mixed-use development

Financing: Subsidy:

City Lead: Evan Trachten

Agency: Livable City Initiative

Phone: 203-946-8373

ORDINANCE

This request comes from the City's Livable City Initiative Bureau (LCI) regarding the acquisition of four lots. This is in accordance with Section D(8) of the City's Land Disposition Agreement Guidelines, "The proposal shall be forwarded in the following sequence for further consideration: 1. PAD (approval required); 2. City Plan Commission (advisory review); and 3. LCI Board of Directors (approval required)." Accordingly, the Planning Commission may provide an advisory report.

BACKGROUND

The City of New Haven, acting through the Livable City Initiative (LCI), proposes to acquire a portfolio of properties on Dixwell Avenue. The City proposed to acquire 262 Dixwell Avenue and 263 Dixwell Avenue (residential properties) as well as 265 Dixwell Avenue, and 269 Dixwell Avenue (mixed-use properties). The City will conduct a simultaneous disposition of 262 and 263 Dixwell Avenue, disposing of these properties to a nonprofit organization (organization not yet determined). Current residents will not be displaced. The City will retain 265 and 269 Dixwell Avenue for a mixed-income, mixed-use future development as part of the City's effort to revitalize the Dixwell Avenue Corridor. It remains undetermined whether the City would conduct the redevelopment, or whether there would be an RFP to find a Developer for the project. Essentially, the LCI Board of Directors seeks guidance as to whether this proposed acquisition is in accordance with the Comprehensive Plan.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

The proposal will achieve the following Comprehensive Plan Goals:

- "Use redevelopment and other tools to address nuisance and deterioration issues, including uses that are deleterious to neighborhoods in general." This is a redevelopment tool to keep properties from becoming deleterious to the neighborhood.
- "Strategic and targeted planning efforts are recommended within Dixwell and Newhallville neighborhoods such as: consolidation of vacant and underutilized sites, sliver lots, and/or non-conforming lots to create sizable opportunity sites for development; improving existing traffic and street network

around these sites; and promoting development through partnerships with local non-profits and other city agencies."

ADVICE:

To approve based on this proposal's alignment with the City's Comprehensive Plan.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

The City Plan Commission recently approved plans for redevelopment of Dixwell Plaza (CPC Report #1616-04), across the street, the Q House was recently completed and opened its doors in fall 2021. There are several other, city-owned sites slated for redevelopment in the area. This proposed acquisition represents another step toward reinvesting in the Dixwell Neighborhood, to create a thriving commercial corridor with mixed-income housing on upper stories. This type of redevelopment, designed to support residents and business owners in the Dixwell neighborhood, is explicitly called for in the Comprehensive Plan. Planning Staff note the discussion described in the PAD minutes on the importance of ensuring that gentrification and displacement do not occur as a result of the proposed redevelopment. Acquisition by LCI will give the City greater control over affordability and other key aspects of redevelopment plans, to ensure that this site is developed in accordance with the Comprehensive Plan and the needs and preferences of the neighborhood.

Planning Staff also note that all four structures in this proposal are listed in Historic Resource Inventories and are identified as contributing structures in the Winchester Repeating Arms Company National Historic District. The structures at 262 Dixwell Avenue and 263 Dixwell Avenue, slated to be disposed to a nonprofit organization following the acquisition and maintained as multi-family housing, retain notable features of the historic facades. The buildings at 265 Dixwell Avenue, and 269 Dixwell Avenue appear to have been substantially altered with additions to create ground-floor commercial space, while retaining some historic features. Any full or partial demolition of any of these structures proposed in the future is subject to City Charter Title III, Chapter 9, Article II, Section 9-50-Delay of demolition of historic resources.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Commission makes the following recommendations for the proposed acquisition:

- A strong affordability component should be required for the residential component of any future mixeduse development.
- Robust community engagement should be conducted as redevelopment plans are developed, including with the Community Management Team.
- Opportunities for local apprentices to be involved in the project should be pursued.
- Due to the site's location, including proximity to the Farmington Canal Trail, special attention should be given to supporting bicycle and pedestrian access.
- Historic features on the façades of 262 and 263 Dixwell Avenue should be preserved. Impact on historic resources should be considered while planning for future redevelopment of the 265 and 269 Dixwell Avenue lots.

ADOPTED: November 30, 2022

Leslie Radcliffe

Chair

ATTEST: DambBran D

December 2, 2022

December 2, 2022 | 10:28 AM EST

Laura E Brown

Executive Director, City Plan Department

PAD MEETING MINUTES November 16, 2022

PRESENT: Hon. Gerald M. Antunes, BoA; Hon. Anna Festa, BoA, Steve Fontana, Economic Development: Nate Hougrand, City Plan; Evan Trachten, LCI; Clay Williams,

Business Development

Absent: Maurine Villani, Tax Office

Meeting called to order at 3:03 PM

Roll Call of Committee members

A motion to approve the PAD minutes from September 21, 2022 was made by Clay Williams, seconded by Alder Antunes, roll call was taken, minutes approved unanimously.

<u>New Business</u>

262,263,265, & 269 Dixwell Avenue

Evan told the committee the City is proposing to acquire a portfolio of properties owned by Ocean Management affiliates for \$1,300,000. The properties consist of two partially occupied two-family houses at 262 &263 Dixwell Avenue, as well as two mixeduse vacant properties at 265 & 269 Dixwell Avenue. 265 Dixwell Avenue is the former "Monterey Club" and 269 Dixwell Avenue is a vacant convenience store with residential uses above. Evan gave an overview of the development occurring on Dixwell Avenue: The Joe Grate's site is being redeveloped as a residential use. The Walt's Cleaners site is on the list for redevelopment (City owned), the adjacent church is being renovated, the City owned property at 308 Dixwell is slated for redevelopment, the City owned lot next to the flower shop is proposed to be redeveloped with a structure to house the flower shop. Evan also noted closer to Downtown the Dixwell Plaza site plan was recently approved by the City Plan Commission. Also, the Q House project has been completed. Evan told the committee it is vital for the City to acquire this portfolio of properties for site control. The current owner has talked about redeveloping this site since the days of the Harp Administration, but nothing has occurred. The City would like to take control of this area. The City is proposing to conduct a simultaneous acquisition and disposition of 262 & 263 Dixwell Avenue and not hold title to occupied properties. LCI is working to select a non-profit to take title to 262 & 263 Dixwell Avenue as part of the acquisition- disposition. The City will retain 265 & 269 Dixwell Avenue and rehabilitate the property for mixed-use purposes. The City is in the process of obtaining appraisals for all the properties. These properties are in the heart of the revitalization area on Dixwell Avenue

The City has dedicated acquisition funds for this site (CDBG). LCI does not want an investor to acquire this portfolio. Acquiring this cluster of properties is key to the revitalization of Dixwell Avenue. As part of our rehabilitation of 265 & 269 Dixwell Avenue, the City will control how many residential units are developed. The properties currently contain several one-bedroom units and LCI may want to create larger units. This acquisition will support the other investment in the Dixwell Avenue corridor. Clay Williams asked about how many occupants are on site and will be displaced? Evan said one unit is occupied at 262 Dixwell Avenue and two units are occupied at 263 Dixwell Avenue. None of the tenants will be displaced by the proposed acquisition-disposition. Clay asked how much tax revenue will be lost due to this acquisition? Evan didn't have an answer about the tax revenue but noted the assessment of the properties are not

high because of the condition of the properties. The City may sell these properties in the future and they would be back on the tax rolls. The end use has yet to be determined. Alder Festa asked what would the City be responsible to do? Evan told the committee the residential properties would be sold immediately and LCI plans to rehabilitate the mix-use properties. Evan noted, the City may decide to sell the mixed-use properties, it could also offer them as an RFP. We could rehab and resell the mixed-use properties. LCI does not want to manage the completed properties, LCI acts as a caretaker for properties. The final plan hasn't been determined yet, there are several possibilities. Evan noted this is a multi-step process and step-one is to gain site control. Alder Festa noted it would be wise to sell the properties to a developer of our choosing to control what occurs during the redevelopment process. Evan noted our plan could change, and LCI could theoretically sell the properties to a developer. We want the community to benefit from this redevelopment. Alder Festa wants to make sure we get a return on our investment.

Clay has some concerns and would like to modify the motion because of the unknows. Clay doesn't have enough information and will likely abstain. Clay supports the acquisition but needs more details to vote yes on the item. Alder Festa asked if the Alders were contacted. Evan said Arlevia reached out to the Alders and Evan hand delivered the Prior Notification forms. Alder Festa doesn't want the City to rush and make a mistake. Evan said the current proposal if to pay \$1.3 million for the site. Alder Festa ask why we are paying above the assessed value? The purchase price was negotiated by LCI. There is a community benefit and staff don't expect the City to be overpaying by \$400,000 relative to the assessed value. The area will be cleaned up and this will eliminate the blight and vacancies, which will have a huge impact on this area. Steve Fontana spoke in favor of the proposal. Steve understands the concerns expressed by the Alders. Steve said this is precisely the time to utilize scarce City resources to act as a catalyst to further the development of this corridor. The City hasn't been able to act quickly to acquire sites like this and this is a great opportunity. Steve noted he understands Clay's concerns but based on his experience in development this is exactly what needs to be done.

Alder Festa noted that she is afraid of gentrification. Steve said with LCI owner in charge we shouldn't worry about gentrification. Evan said the residential units in the mixed-use structures will be affordable and Arlevia cares deeply about affordable housing and is focused on helping the residents of this area. Alder Festa wants to make sure the AMI of the rental units keeps people in this area. Alder Antunes noted we also need to focus on affordable ownership, there is a lot of focus on affordable rentals. Evan told the committee LCI builds affordable homeownership properties and so do several local non-profits.

A motion was made by Alder Antunes seconded by Steve Fontana, roll call was taken, approved 5-0 with Clay Williams abstaining.

79 Morris Street

Evan told the committee this proposal is to sell a sliver lot to an owner occupant to use as a yard area. The sliver lot is small at 25' X 150' so developing a structure is difficult. Evan offered to sell a portion of the lot to the other adjacent property owner but they didn't respond to the certified letter. It costs the City to cut the grass and shovel the snow at this site. The property will eventually be back on the tax rolls. Alder Antunes asked what does the City do when the adjacent property owner doesn't want to buy a sliver lot? Evan said a greenspace, garden, or park are the typical options. Nate told the committee under the zoning code a single-family house is permitted on a non-conforming lot (sliver lot) as of right. When the lot is small it may not be possible to

develop a single-family house. This lot was too small for Habitat for Humanity to develop a house. LCI wanted to support the owner occupant because they rehabilitated a vacant property.

A motion was made by Nate Hougrand, seconded by Clay Williams, roll call was taken, approved unanimously

PAD Guidelines / Discussion

Evan told the committee that no movement has occurred since our last update. Evan will work internally to review the Guidelines with Arlevia because she wasn't involved previously. Evan hopes to have this item as an action item in the new year. Evan reached out to Pat Solomon and she is pulling data on sliver lot tax abatements. Evan will share this information in the future.

A motion to adjourn was made by Clay Williams, seconded by Alder Festa, all were in favor.

Meeting Adjourned 3:41 P.M.

LCI Board Special Meeting Minutes December 14, 2022 (Via Zoom)

PRESENT: Patricia Brett, Taneha Edwards, Nadine Horton, Seth Poole, Hon. Richard Furlow, Michael Pinto (Office of Corporation Counsel), Arlevia Samuel (Executive Director, Evan Trachten (LCI staff), Frank D'Amore (LCI Deputy Director), Mark

Stroud (LCI Deputy Director) **Absent:** Hon. Ernie Santiago

Guests: Nora Grace-Flood, Crystal Gooding

Meeting called to order at 6:04 P.M.

Roll call of Members: Pat Brett, Taneha Edwards, Seth Poole, Nadine Horton

Review of LCI Board meeting minutes from December 14, 2022 Special Meeting. A motion to approve was made by Nadine Horton, seconded by Pat Brett, roll call of members was taken, approved unanimously.

New Business

<u>Acquisition of 262 Dixwell Avenue, 263 Dixwell Avenue, 265 Dixwell Avenue, 269 Dixwell Avenue</u>

Evan told the Board the City of New Haven proposes to acquire a portfolio of properties on Dixwell Avenue for \$1,300,000 from affiliates of Ocean Management. LCI has confirmed the Main Streets funding must be spent by April 30, 2023. Evan told the Board LCI received appraisals and the value of the properties was \$1,175,000. Mike Pinto noted there was a typo listing the value as \$1,170,000 but the correct value is \$1,175,000. The gap between the appraised value and the purchase price is \$125,000. The portfolio consists of 2, occupied two-family properties located at 262 Dixwell Avenue and 263 Dixwell Avenue, and two vacant mixed-use properties located at 265 Dixwell Avenue and 269 Dixwell Avenue. The City is proposing to do a simultaneous acquisition and disposition of the two-family properties to local non-profit Beulah Land Development at market value (\$495,000). The City will meet with the community to discuss the reuse of the mixed-use properties which will be rehabilitated in the future with an affordable housing component.

Nadine asked a few questions: What is the history of code violations at 262 & 263 Dixwell Avenue. Frank D'Amore told the Board there are no anti-blight violations. Evan told the Board he did some research and 262 has not had any Housing Code violations while owned by Ocean Management. 263 Dixwell was cited for exterior violations during a spring sweep in 2022 but the issues were resolved. Nadine asked for the sale price for 262 & 263 Dixwell Avenue, Arlevia said Beulah Land Development would pay the appraised value of \$495,000 for both properties. Nadine asked about 265 Dixwell the historic jazz club the Monterey, will this property be used as a jazz club like the Mayor stated at a

recent press event? Arlevia told the Board the City will do community engagement to determine the reuse of the mixed-use properties at 265 & 269 Dixwell Avenue. The community will drive the reuse of the property. After the engagement process, the City may do an RFP or develop the property. Nadine asked who will maintain the property. Arlevia said LCI will maintain the property, we have a property management division that maintains City owned parcels. Frank D'Amore said the cost would be minimal but couldn't put an exact dollar figure to keep it clean and secured. Arlevia noted the intention is to turn the properties around quickly and not sit on the properties. Nadine asked how many apartments are at 269 Dixwell Avenue. Evan said there were 3 apartments based on his site inspection: 1 on the first floor (rear area), one on the second floor, and one on the third floor. Evan noted it appeared the units were set up as a rooming house with locks on each bedroom door. Are there any plans to do apartments on the first floor? Arlevia said as part of the community engagement process the use of the property would be determined.

Crystal Gooding asked about 265 Dixwell Avenue's exterior? Frank said we would not alter the exterior during our property management. Cyrstal said the roof is in poor condition, would we be addressing it? Frank said we may tarp the roof, but he hasn't been inside to see the damage. Crystal said she was inside about two months ago, and the sheetrock was falling from the ceiling on the third floor. Will the City seek historic funds for fix the property? Arlevia said we will explore this type of funding. LCI will be marketing the community engagement process via the Board of Education, Mayor's weekly blast, the Community Management team, we will be doing a lot of outreach to engage the community.

Nadine asked if we are trying to renegotiate the purchase price at the appraised value of \$1,175,000? Arlevia said she discussed this with Ocean Management and they are not willing to go below \$1,300,000. Arlevia said their original price was \$1,800,000 and she negotiated down to \$1,300,000. Alder Furlow joined the meeting, he was attending an education finance meeting at the same time as LCI Board. Seth gave a quick recap of the meeting.

Alder Furlow said the Board of Alders can amend the price and allow Arlevia to keep trying to negotiate a lower price. Attorney Pinto noted the Board has plenary powers and can make changes on the floor of the Board. Arlevia appreciated the offer, but they are not budging based on a few conversations. If we don't purchase the property another developer will take the site. This is an investment in the community. Evan told the Board, the \$125,000 gap over the appraised value is a small premium when you look at the percentage of the total value. The owner has said it's \$1,300,000 or no deal. Evan believes local developers would be happy to pay the appraised value and the City is getting a fair deal. The City needs to gain site control to continue the revitalization of Dixwell Avenue. Attorney Pinto noted the numbers are out there and the City risks losing the deal if the Board approves the sale below \$1,300,000. Nadine wants to get the best deal for our tax-payer money. Pat asked if the Alders can go up or down on the price. Alder Furlow said the Board will not go up on the price. Attorney Pinto said the Board of Alders can change the price, but the sale

must be approved at LCI Board prior to going to the Board of Alders for final action. This proposal had a workshop at the Board of Alder last week.

A motion was made by Seth Poole to approve the acquisition of the properties for \$1,300,000, seconded by Alder Furlow, roll call was taken, approved (4 yes votes and 1 no vote by Nadine Horton)

Old Business / Discussion

Seth opened the discussion. Evan said the PAD Guidelines have been submitted to the PAD Committee for review. The item was tabled at the PAD Committee and they will come to the LCI Board over the next few months.

Seth asked about the status of the new Neighborhood Specialists. Arlevia said the posting closed last Friday and Arlevia and Frank will interview candidates shortly.

Nadine asked about the ongoing issues at 311 Blake Street. Nadine received an email from the Blake Street Tenants Union. Nadine forwarded the email to LCI staff and the LCI Board. Nadine read the email into the record. The tenants have not received follow up from LCI. Deputy Stroud updated the Board: One violation went to warrant, and there is currently only one open issue at this address. Nadine asked where to direct future complaints? Arlevia said to call (203)946-7090 or email housingcode@newhavenct.gov. Seth also noted the Quinnipiac East Management team has not had an LCI representative. Frank noted the City does not recognize this group; they are a spin-off from the original management team. This group is not the official management team. Maggy Fernandez is the Neighborhood Specialist for this area.

A motion to adjourn was made by Taneha, seconded by Pat Brett, all were in favor, approved unanimously.

Meeting adjourned 6:55 PM

LCI Board Special Meeting Minutes December 14, 2022 (Via Zoom)

PRESENT: Patricia Brett, Taneha Edwards, Nadine Horton, Seth Poole, Hon. Ernie Santiago, Michael Pinto (Office of Corporation Counsel), Arlevia Samuel (Executive

Director, Evan Trachten (LCI staff) **Absent:**), Hon. Richard Furlow **Guests:** Nora Grace-Flood

Meeting called to order at 6:01 P.M.

Roll call of Members: Pat Brett, Taneha Edwards, Alder Ernie Santiago, Seth Poole, Nadine Horton

Review of LCI Board meeting minutes from October 26, 2022. A motion to approve was made by Nadine Horton, seconded by Pat Brett, roll call of members was taken, approved with one abstention by Taneha Edwards.

New Business

Acquisition of 262 Dixwell Avenue, 263 Dixwell Avenue, 265 Dixwell Avenue, 269 Dixwell Avenue

Evan told the Board the City of New Haven proposes to acquire a portfolio of properties on Dixwell Avenue for \$1,300,000 from affiliates of Ocean Management. The portfolio consists of 2, occupied two-family properties located at 262 Dixwell Avenue and 263 Dixwell Avenue, and two vacant mixed-use properties located at 265 Dixwell Avenue and 269 Dixwell Avenue. The City is proposing to do a simultaneous acquisition and disposition of the two-family properties to a local non-profit partner of the City who would rehabilitate the properties as affordable housing (affordable rental or sale to owner occupant). The mixed-use properties will be rehabilitated and affordable housing will be developed on the upper floors while maintaining the ground floor as a business use.

Evan said this is a site control acquisition and acts as a linchpin to support the development occurring on Dixwell Avenue between the former Joe Grate's site and the Dixwell Plaza. The City would like to take control of this area and continue to revitalize the Dixwell corridor. The building at 265 is the former Monterey Club and LCI may reduce the number of units at that location. LCI would like to be the developer of these properties so they are not sold to another investor.

Arlevia told the Board Alder Morrison and Alder Winter are supportive of this acquisition. There will be a community workshop to discuss this project in the near future. LCI wanted to sell the occupied properties to an existing tenant in each building but that is not possible, so we are working to sell the two-family properties to a non-profit partner. The mixed-use structures will be redeveloped.

Seth asked if there were any liens, Evan said no. Pat Brett asked how this fits into the Conn Corp Project? Evan said it compliments their investment and other investments on Dixwell Avenue. There is a lot of investment in this area and the City's investment will help create affordable units.

Alder Santiago expressed concerns about purchasing the portfolio, he works in this area and familiar with the properties. He noted the seller did nothing to these properties and they will make a large profit. Why would the City reward the seller for land-banking, it doesn't sit well with him? Perhaps we could use the money better elsewhere. The developer is paying taxes, and Evan noted they are current on their payments. Arlevia noted it's the real estate market that caused the value to increase. The City is in a position to invest in Dixwell and this will help the community. This is a bigger community benefit. Arlevia told the Board the funding for this is "Main Streets CDBG" and we were supposed to spend the money a few years ago. We have a deadline to spend these funds, or we will have to return the money. The project will be impactful, and this is bigger than the purchase price. Seth noted given the real estate market our investment will be impactful; we can't control market forces.

Nadine noted she can't vote to approve this proposal. Ocean Management has not been a responsible property owner across the City. We cannot reward bad behavior by property owners. Nadine understands the real estate market, but this would reward bad behavior and land banking. We should not pay over fair market value. Ocean Management can sell this property to anyone, they are trying to sell a larger portfolio of their properties. LCI has pending appraisals but they were delayed because our appraiser recently needed emergency surgery. Arlevia noted that Ocean Management had drawn up a proposal to demolish these properties and develop 31 market rate units. Nadine feels we are allowing Ocean Management to make a huge profit, we are allowing bad negotiations to go over our good intentions. Nadine would rather return the Main Street funds to the government than give a slumlord the money.

Seth asked about the letter from the Preservation Trust. The Monterey Club hosted many famous jazz musicians. What is the Trust asking us to do? Arlevia said they want us to rehabilitate the properties to historic standards. The Trust thought we were planning to demolish these properties, we are not planning demolitions. Evan noted when using Federal funds, the City needs to meet the standard of the Secretary of Interior for rehabilitation of historic properties.

Evan said the City is stepping up to create a community benefit. We have dedicated funds for this important project which will be a catalyst for the community, this is not about rewarding bad behavior. Seth said this is an opportunity to take local control of the properties. Arlevia added that when LCI sells these properties they will be sold at market value. Seth asked if there was a motion? Alder Santiago said he may vote in favor of this proposal to get rid of the current owner. Arlevia said the properties will be deed restricted as affordable housing whether rental or sale to owner occupant. Alder Santiago made the motion to approve. Nadine asked if we had an appraisal? Arlevia said we are

waiting for it to be completed, they were delayed due to a medical issue. Arlevia said the original asking price was \$1.8 million but she negotiated it down to \$1.3 million. The Board asked when do the CDBG funds need to be spent? Arlevia said she has the date in her office and will report back to the Board. Taneha asked how many units will we develop? Arlevia said that isn't determined yet. There will be community engagement to discuss this topic. Taneha said sometimes it's worth paying someone to get rid of them, and in this situation, it would help the community. Pat noted that she joined LCI Board to help families and the community, but she is bothered by slumlord's profiting and likely can't support our proposal.

Nadine said she can't support this and doesn't want to set a precedent, and worries other property owners will land bank and be rewarded for their inaction and blight. Nadine said we need to be smart how we spend our tax dollars. We can't ignore who the seller is in our effort to create affordable housing, we can't hide bad negotiations behind good intentions. We should not reward Ocean management; they have been fined by the court several times recently for code violations. Arlevia said we are not rewarding Ocean management, this is beyond the purchase price, this is about doing better for the community, and making the neighborhood a better place. It's about the community and improving the Dixwell community that hasn't received investment from the City for many years. We are trying to acquire blighted properties to take control and do what's best for the community. Nadine said the City owes a lot of neighborhoods, including hers. Alder Santiago noted investment at the Q House by the City. The Board needs more information and would like to request the appraisal and the information about the CDBG Main Streets funding expiration. Evan told the Board if the appraisal value is below our proposed purchase price, LCI will renegotiate with the seller. Pat and Nadine said they would like to see the appraisal and the date we are obligated to spend the funds.

Seth said we will require another Special Meeting to review this information prior to making the decision. Seth proposed holding a Special Meeting on December 21, 2022 so we can potentially send this to the Board of Alders in January of 2023.

A motion was made by Seth Poole to hold a Special meeting on December 21, 2022 to continue the review of this proposal and staff need to have the appraisals of the properties and the date the City received the CDBG funding, as well as the date by which the City is obligated to spend the funds, seconded by Alder Santiago, roll call was taken, approved unanimously.

79 Morris Street

Evan told the Board LCI is proposing to sell a sliver lot to the adjacent owner occupant. The price is \$0.25 per square foot for a total of \$871.25 because the owner, Giovanni Molino is an owner occupant in a CD eligible area. The

applicant recently renovated his adjacent home at 81 Morris Street. He will utilize this land as a side yard area, he already has a driveway. The property was offered to the other abutting property owner who is an investor, but they didn't respond to our certified letter. The sliver lot is small and narrow with only 25' of frontage, so development was not possible. No other uses were proposed for the site such as a garden or greenspace. It's important to support owner occupants, this area will create a nice yard for Mr. Molino.

A motion was made to approve the sale by Alder Santiago, seconded by Nadine Horton, roll call was taken, approved unanimously.

The annual schedule of Regular Meetings for LCI was presented to the Board. Evan said all meetings are the fourth Wednesday of each month.

A motion was made to approve the meeting schedule by Pat Brett, seconded by Alder Santiago, roll call was taken, approved unanimously

Old Business / Discussion

Seth opened the discussion by noting he is looking forward to seeing the organizational structure of LCI. Arlevia will share information about this topic on a future agenda. Arlevia is in the process of hiring staff and will update the Board in February.

Pat thanked Seth for his leadership. Nadine thanked Seth and the other LCI Board members for their work. Nadine also thanks Evan and Arlevia for their work and everything they do for the City. Seth welcomed Taneha Edwards to the Board. Seth also noted Nadine's work helping to shut down the liquor store on Whalley Avenue that had been a problem for the community. Taneha said she cares about New Haven and is happy to be on the Board. Taneha noted the struggles of New Haven residents and her desire to help. Alder Santiago said he is glad he joined the LCI Board and thanks Seth, Evan, and Arlevia for their work.

A motion to adjourn was made by Alder Santiago, seconded by Pat Brett, all were in favor, approved unanimously.

Meeting adjourned 7:18 PM

LIVABLE CITY INITIATIVE -PROPERTY DIVISION

Acquisition Summary Sheet

Property Description

Propo	Property Address		Map-Block-Parcel		Ward	Prop	erty Type	Total legal units
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Property Value Information

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\$1,175,000	William Esposito Jr.	1/19/23	Acquisition	\$1,300,000 plus closing costs	(TBD)	\$1,300,000 plus closing costs

Prior Notifications Sent to

Alderperson	Name of Alderperson	Management Team	Other interested parties
Yes X No	Hon. Jeanette Morrison	N/A	N/A
-	Hon. Steven Winter		

Applicant's Information

Applicant's name, address & teler	phone:	Name, address & tele	phone of contact person:		
of New Haven / Livable City Initiative					
165 Church Street 3 rd Floor					
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Dixwell Avenue Acquisitions by LCI

St#	Street Name	Value (\$)	Date of appraisal
262	Dixwell Avenue	245,000	1/19/2023
263	Dixwell Avenue	250,000	1/19/2023
265	Dixwell Avenue	330,000	1/19/2023
269	Dixwell Avenue	350,000	1/19/2023
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Appraised by William F. Esposito, Jr.

PRIOR NOTIFICATION FORM

NOTICE OF MATTER TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE BOARD OF ALDERS

TO (list applicable Alders):		Hon. Jeanette Morrison Hon. Steven Winter
DATE:	November 8, 2022	
FROM:	Department	LCI Property Division
	Person	Evan Trachten Telephone 946-8373
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November 30, 2022

Dear Honorable City Plan Commissioners:

This letter is regarding the following City Plan Commission Agenda Item: 1622-02 262, 263, 265, & 269 DIXWELL AVENUE. MBLUs: 294 0343 00700, 282 0347 03700, 282 0347 03800, 282 0347 03900 Submitted by: Evan Trachten, Livable City Initiative for the Acquisition of four lots for a mixed-income, mixed-use future development located in the BA Zoning District.

The Trust recognizes that this is an opportunity to acquire several properties in the heart of the Dixwell revitalization area in order to control their future development. All four of these buildings are located within the Winchester Repeating Arms National Historic District. This district is significant as New Haven's most intact example of major industrial development with large working-class residential neighborhoods from the late 19th and early 20th centuries. The district is architecturally significant for two reasons: first, its core embraces a group of well-preserved industrial buildings associated with Winchester Repeating Arms. Second, the district's residential areas include numerous good examples of modest single- and multi-family housing and scattered commercial, religious and municipal buildings. As a group, these buildings represent a variety of popular vernacular architectural styles of the era.

The Trust encourages the City to retain 262 and 263 Dixwell Avenue as multi-family housing. Since they are in a National Historic District, the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties applies to these buildings.

As the City develops plans for 265 and 269 Dixwell Avenue, we remind you that 265 Dixwell is a significant cultural landmark as the former Monterey Club, a black-owned jazz club that hosted well-known performers throughout its operation. The Trust urges the City to require restoration of the facade and adaptive reuse, rather than demolition.

Under your responsibility to ensure that development projects reflect the character and needs of City neighborhoods, we ask that the historic significance of the buildings covered by Agenda item 1622-02 be considered in future projects.

Thank you for your service and efforts to ensure that land use and development changes positively impact New Haven's residents.

Sincerely,

Sarah Tisdale

Director of Historic Preservation

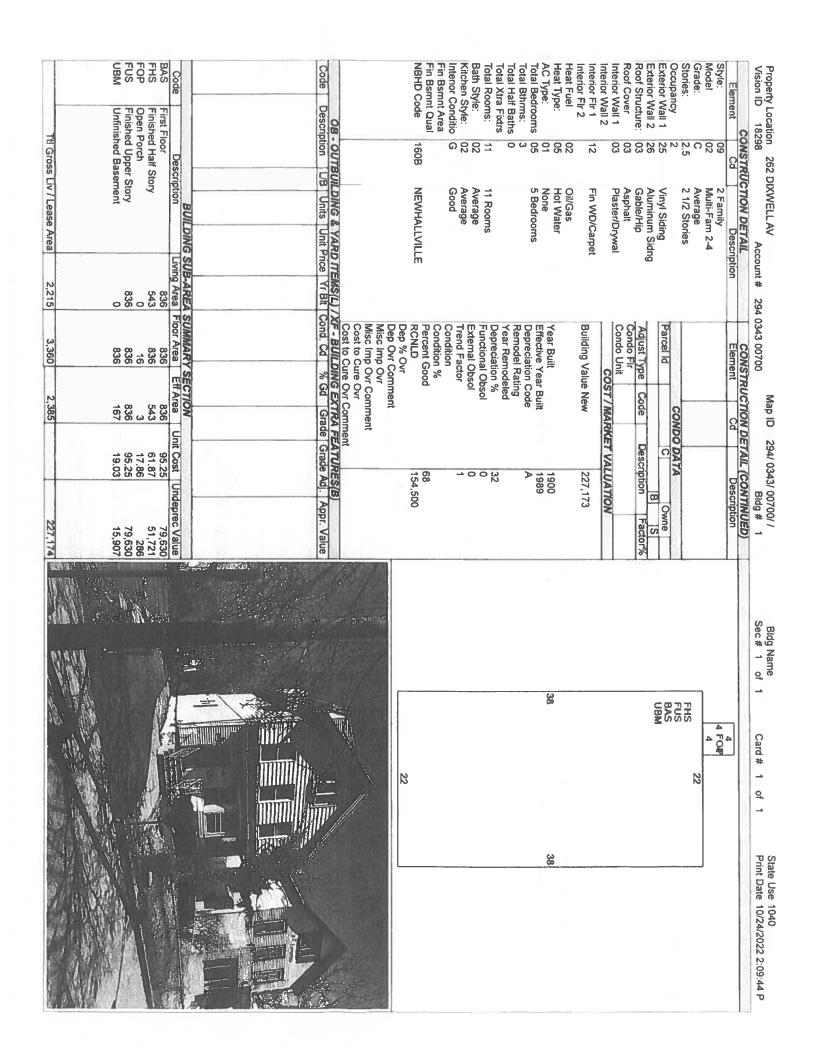
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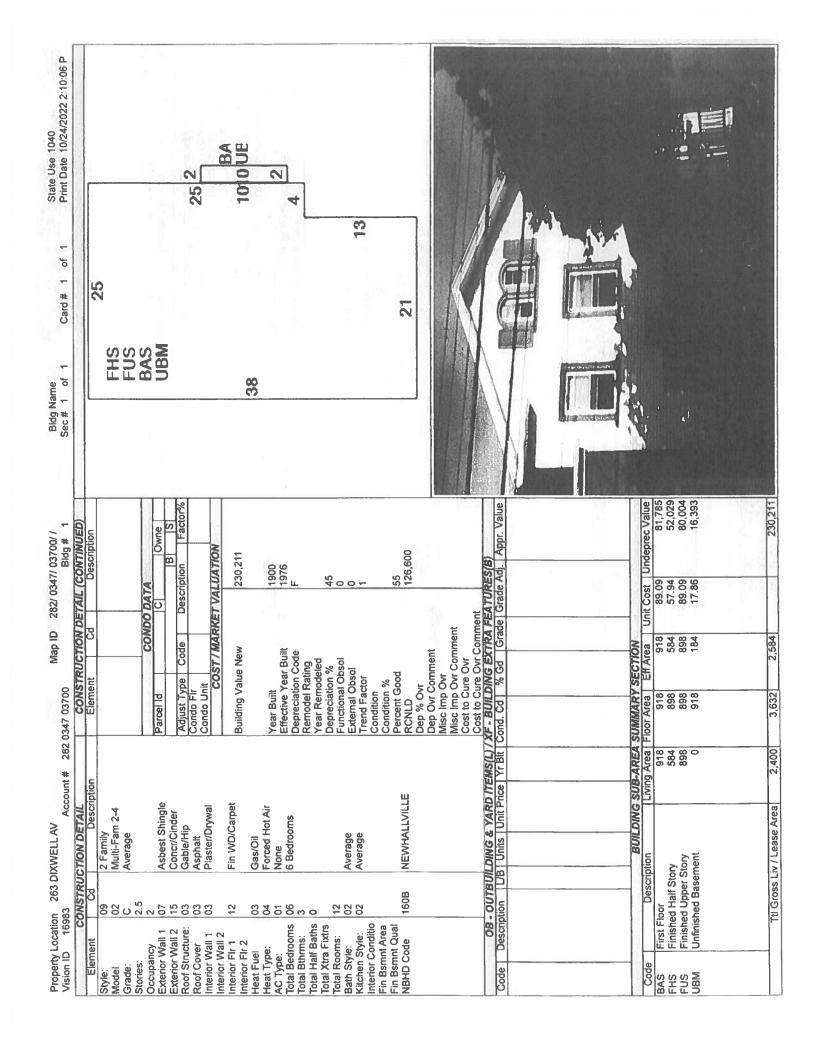
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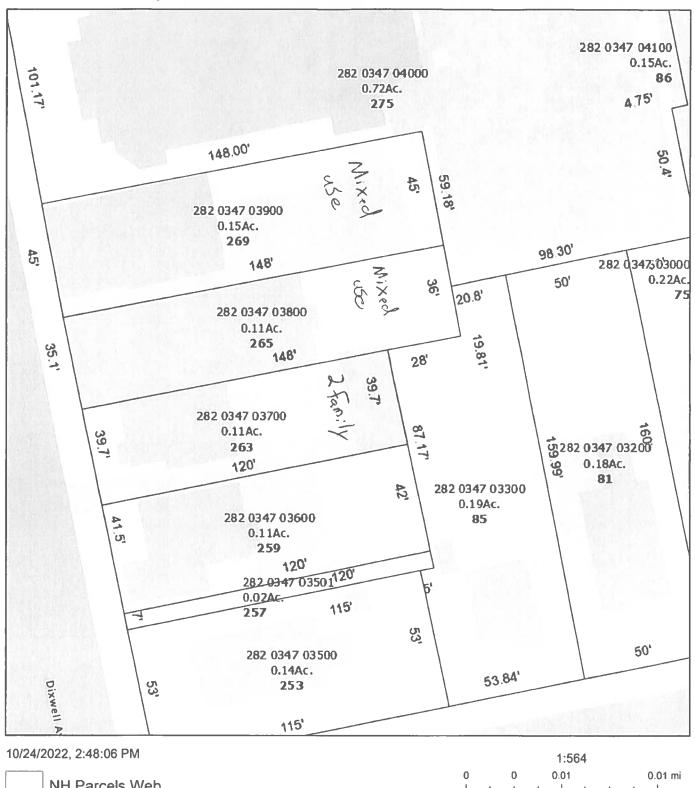
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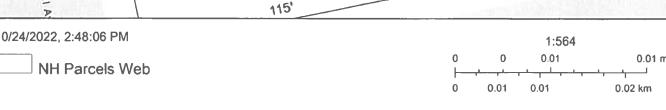
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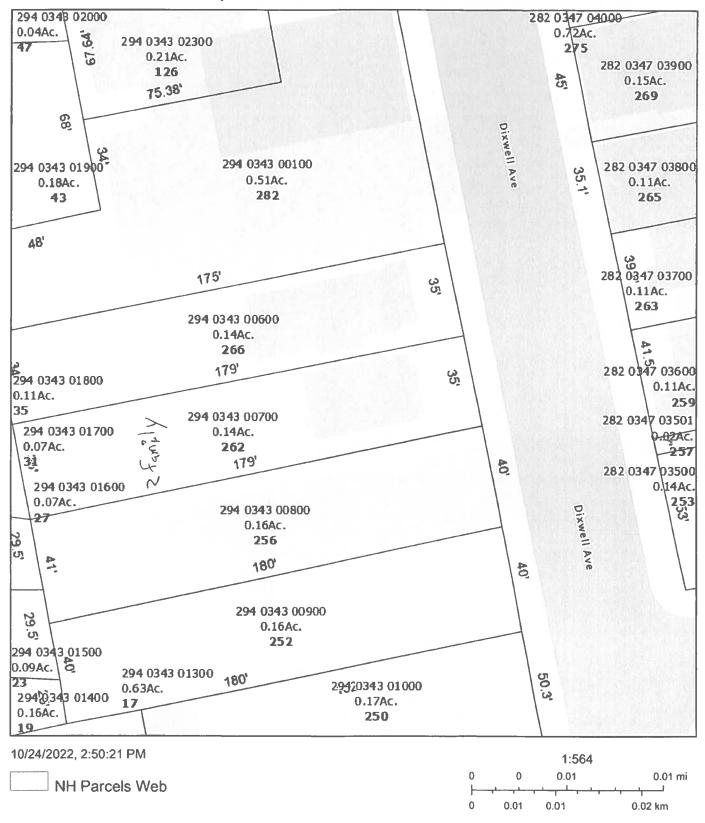


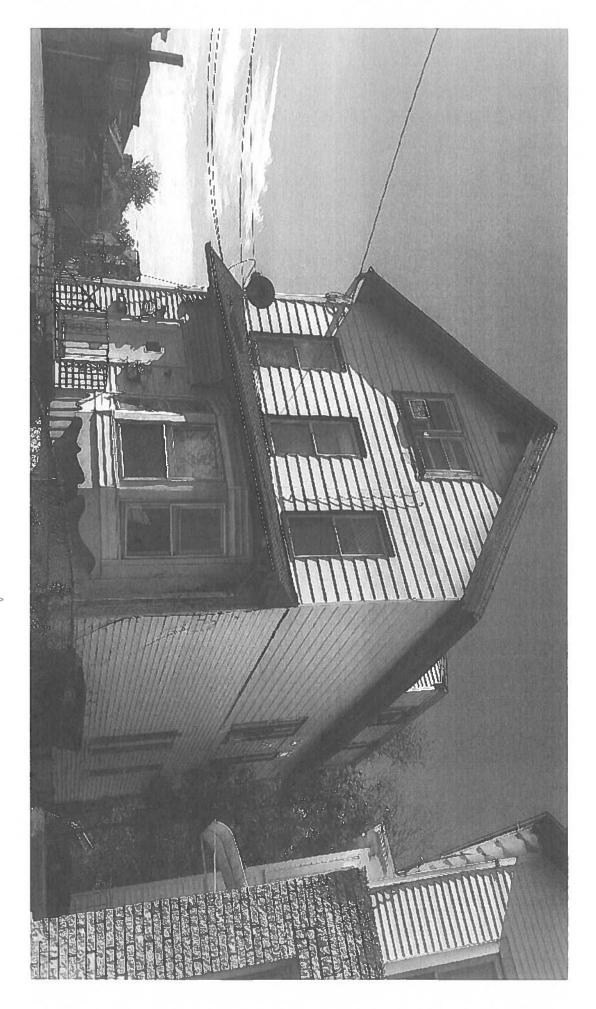
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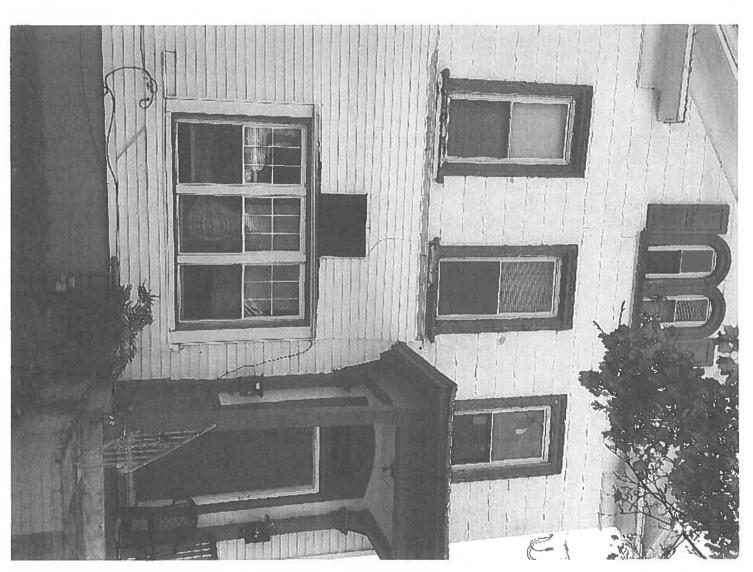


Acquisition of 262 Dixwell Avenue





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NEW HAVEN CITY PLAN COMMISSION ADVISORY REPORT

RE: 262, 263, 265, &269 DIXWELL AVENUE. MBLUs: 294 0343 00700, 282 0347 03700, 282

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Acquisition of four lots for a mixed-income, mixed-use future development. Located in the BA

Zoning District. (Submitted by: Evan Trachten, Livable City Initiative)

REPORT: 1622-02 ADVICE: Approval

PROJECT SUMMARY:

Applicant(s): City of New Haven/Livable City Initiative

Price: up to \$1,300.000 plus closing costs

Site: 22,207 square feet

Zone: BA

Use: Mixed-use development

Financing: Subsidy:

City Lead: Evan Trachten

Agency: Livable City Initiative

Phone: 203-946-8373

ORDINANCE

This request comes from the City's Livable City Initiative Bureau (LCI) regarding the acquisition of four lots. This is in accordance with Section D(8) of the City's Land Disposition Agreement Guidelines, "The proposal shall be forwarded in the following sequence for further consideration: 1. PAD (approval required); 2. City Plan Commission (advisory review); and 3. LCI Board of Directors (approval required)." Accordingly, the Planning Commission may provide an advisory report.

BACKGROUND

The City of New Haven, acting through the Livable City Initiative (LCI), proposes to acquire a portfolio of properties on Dixwell Avenue. The City proposed to acquire 262 Dixwell Avenue and 263 Dixwell Avenue (residential properties) as well as 265 Dixwell Avenue, and 269 Dixwell Avenue (mixed-use properties). The City will conduct a simultaneous disposition of 262 and 263 Dixwell Avenue, disposing of these properties to a nonprofit organization (organization not yet determined). Current residents will not be displaced. The City will retain 265 and 269 Dixwell Avenue for a mixed-income, mixed-use future development as part of the City's effort to revitalize the Dixwell Avenue Corridor. It remains undetermined whether the City would conduct the redevelopment, or whether there would be an RFP to find a Developer for the project. Essentially, the LCI Board of Directors seeks guidance as to whether this proposed acquisition is in accordance with the Comprehensive Plan.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

The proposal will achieve the following Comprehensive Plan Goals:

- "Use redevelopment and other tools to address nuisance and deterioration issues, including uses that are deleterious to neighborhoods in general." This is a redevelopment tool to keep properties from becoming deleterious to the neighborhood.
- "Strategic and targeted planning efforts are recommended within Dixwell and Newhallville
 neighborhoods such as: consolidation of vacant and underutilized sites, sliver lots, and/or non-conforming
 lots to create sizable opportunity sites for development; improving existing traffic and street network

around these sites; and promoting development through partnerships with local non-profits and other city agencies."

ADVICE:

To approve based on this proposal's alignment with the City's Comprehensive Plan.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

The City Plan Commission recently approved plans for redevelopment of Dixwell Plaza (CPC Report #1616-04), across the street, the Q House was recently completed and opened its doors in fall 2021. There are several other, city-owned sites slated for redevelopment in the area. This proposed acquisition represents another step toward reinvesting in the Dixwell Neighborhood, to create a thriving commercial corridor with mixed-income housing on upper stories. This type of redevelopment, designed to support residents and business owners in the Dixwell neighborhood, is explicitly called for in the Comprehensive Plan. Planning Staff note the discussion described in the PAD minutes on the importance of ensuring that gentrification and displacement do not occur as a result of the proposed redevelopment. Acquisition by LCI will give the City greater control over affordability and other key aspects of redevelopment plans, to ensure that this site is developed in accordance with the Comprehensive Plan and the needs and preferences of the neighborhood.

Planning Staff also note that all four structures in this proposal are listed in Historic Resource Inventories and are identified as contributing structures in the Winchester Repeating Arms Company National Historic District. The structures at 262 Dixwell Avenue and 263 Dixwell Avenue, slated to be disposed to a nonprofit organization following the acquisition and maintained as multi-family housing, retain notable features of the historic facades. The buildings at 265 Dixwell Avenue, and 269 Dixwell Avenue appear to have been substantially altered with additions to create ground-floor commercial space, while retaining some historic features. Any full or partial demolition of any of these structures proposed in the future is subject to City Charter Title III, Chapter 9, Article II, Section 9-50-Delay of demolition of historic resources.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Commission makes the following recommendations for the proposed acquisition:

- A strong affordability component should be required for the residential component of any future mixeduse development.
- Robust community engagement should be conducted as redevelopment plans are developed, including with the Community Management Team.
- Opportunities for local apprentices to be involved in the project should be pursued.
- Due to the site's location, including proximity to the Farmington Canal Trail, special attention should be given to supporting bicycle and pedestrian access.
- Historic features on the façades of 262 and 263 Dixwell Avenue should be preserved. Impact on historic resources should be considered while planning for future redevelopment of the 265 and 269 Dixwell Avenue lots. DocuSigned by:

ADOPTED: November 30, 2022

Leslie Radcliffe

Chair

ATTEST:

December 2, 2022 | 10:28 AM EST

Laura E Brown

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Executive Director, City Plan Department

SCHEDULE C (Form 1040)

Department of the Treasury

Profit or Loss From Business

(Sole Proprietorship)

Go to www.irs.gov/ScheduleC for instructions and the latest information.

OMB No. 1545-0074 2022

Attachment Sequence No. 09

Attach to Form 1040, 1040-SR, 1040-NR, or 1041; partnerships must generally file Form 1065. Internal Revenue Service Name of proprietor Social security number (SSN) FREDRICK SPENCER 042-56-8176 Principal business or profession, including product or service (see instructions) B Enter code from Instructions 5 4 1 9 9 0 HAIR DRESSER Business name, If no separate business name, leave blank. D Employer (D number (EIN) (see instr.) Е Business address (including suite or room no.) City, town or post office, state, and ZIP code (3) Other (specify) Accounting method: (1) X Cash (2) Accrual G Did you "materially participate" in the operation of this business during 2022? If "No," see instructions for limit on losses ... Yes X No Did you make any payments in 2022 that would require you to file Form(s) 10997 See instructions Yes Yes If "Yes," did you or will you file required Form(s) 1099? . ☐ No Part I Gross receipts or sales. See instructions for line 1 and check the box if this income was reported to you on 1 17,659. Form W-2 and the "Statutory employee" box on that form was checked 2 2 17,659. 3 Subtract line 2 from line 1 . . 3 Cost of goods sold (from line 42) . . . 4 5 Gross profit, Subtract line 4 from line 3 5 17,659. 6 Other income, including federal and state gasoline or fuel tax credit or refund (see instructions). 6 Gross income. Add lines 5 and 6 17,659. Part II **Expenses.** Enter expenses for business use of your home only on line 30. 870. 8 Advertising 18 Office expense (see instructions) . 18 19 Pension and profit-sharing plans 19 9 Car and truck expenses (see instructions) . . . 20 Rent or lease (see instructions): 10 Commissions and fees . 10 a Vehicles, machinery, and equipment 20a Contract labor (see instructions) 11 11 **b** Other business property . . . Repairs and maintenance . . . 12 Depletion . . . 12 21 21 Depreciation and section 179 13 Supplies (not included in Part III) . 1,350. 22 22 expense deduction (not 23 Taxes and licenses 675. included in Part III) (see 23 instructions) 13 24 Travel and meals: Employee benefit programs Travel. . . . 24a 14 (other than on line 19) 14 Deductible meals (see 15 Insurance (other than health) 15 24b instructions) 16 Interest (see instructions): 25 25 Mortgage (paid to banks, etc.) 16a 26 Wages (less employment credits) Other 16b Other expenses (from line 48) . . 27a 17 27b 17 Legal and professional services b Reserved for future use . 2,895. 28 Total expenses before expenses for business use of home. Add lines 8 through 27a 28 29 14,764. 29 30 Expenses for business use of your home. Do not report these expenses elsewhere. Attach Form 8829 unless using the simplified method. See instructions. Simplified method filers only: Enter the total square footage of (a) your home: and (b) the part of your home used for business: Method Worksheet in the instructions to figure the amount to enter on line 30 . . . 30 Net profit or (loss). Subtract line 30 from line 29. • If a profit, enter on both Schedule 1 (Form 1040), line 3, and on Schedule SE, line 2. (If you 14,764. checked the box on line 1, see instructions.) Estates and trusts, enter on Form 1041, line 3. 31 • If a loss, you must go to line 32. 32 If you have a loss, check the box that describes your investment in this activity. See instructions. - if you checked 32a, enter the loss on both Schedule 1 (Form 1040), line 3, and on Schedule 32a All investment is at risk. SE, line 2. (If you checked the box on line 1, see the line 31 instructions.) Estates and trusts, enter on 32b Some investment is not

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LCI Board Special Meeting Minutes January 25, 2023 (Via Zoom)

PRESENT: Patricia Brett, Taneha Edwards, Nadine Horton, Seth Poole, Hon. Richard Furlow, Michael Pinto (Office of Corporation Counsel), Arlevia Samuel (Executive Director, Evan Trachten (LCI staff), Frank D'Amore (LCI Deputy Director), Mark

Stroud (LCI Deputy Director) **Absent:** Hon. Ernie Santiago

Guests: Nora Grace-Flood, Crystal Gooding

Meeting called to order at 6:04 P.M.

Roll call of Members: Pat Brett, Taneha Edwards, Seth Poole, Nadine Horton

Review of LCI Board meeting minutes from December 14, 2022 Special Meeting. A motion to approve was made by Nadine Horton, seconded by Pat Brett, roll call of members was taken, approved unanimously.

New Business

Acquisition of 262 Dixwell Avenue, 263 Dixwell Avenue, 265 Dixwell Avenue, 269 Dixwell Avenue

Evan told the Board the City of New Haven proposes to acquire a portfolio of properties on Dixwell Avenue for \$1,300,000 from affiliates of Ocean Management. LCI has confirmed the Main Streets funding must be spent by April 30, 2023. Evan told the Board LCI received appraisals and the value of the properties was \$1,175,000. Mike Pinto noted there was a typo listing the value as \$1,170,000 but the correct value is \$1,175,000. The gap between the appraised value and the purchase price is \$125,000. The portfolio consists of 2, occupied two-family properties located at 262 Dixwell Avenue and 263 Dixwell Avenue, and two vacant mixed-use properties located at 265 Dixwell Avenue and 269 Dixwell Avenue. The City is proposing to do a simultaneous acquisition and disposition of the two-family properties to local non-profit Beulah Land Development at market value (\$495,000). The City will meet with the community to discuss the reuse of the mixed-use properties which will be rehabilitated in the future with an affordable housing component.

Nadine asked a few questions: What is the history of code violations at 262 & 263 Dixwell Avenue. Frank D'Amore told the Board there are no anti-blight violations. Evan told the Board he did some research and 262 has not had any Housing Code violations while owned by Ocean Management. 263 Dixwell was cited for exterior violations during a spring sweep in 2022 but the issues were resolved. Nadine asked for the sale price for 262 & 263 Dixwell Avenue, Arlevia said Beulah Land Development would pay the appraised value of \$495,000 for both properties. Nadine asked about 265 Dixwell the historic jazz club the Monterey, will this property be used as a jazz club like the Mayor stated at a

recent press event? Arlevia told the Board the City will do community engagement to determine the reuse of the mixed-use properties at 265 & 269 Dixwell Avenue. The community will drive the reuse of the property. After the engagement process, the City may do an RFP or develop the property. Nadine asked who will maintain the property. Arlevia said LCI will maintain the property, we have a property management division that maintains City owned parcels. Frank D'Amore said the cost would be minimal but couldn't put an exact dollar figure to keep it clean and secured. Arlevia noted the intention is to turn the properties around quickly and not sit on the properties. Nadine asked how many apartments are at 269 Dixwell Avenue. Evan said there were 3 apartments based on his site inspection: 1 on the first floor (rear area), one on the second floor, and one on the third floor. Evan noted it appeared the units were set up as a rooming house with locks on each bedroom door. Are there any plans to do apartments on the first floor? Arlevia said as part of the community engagement process the use of the property would be determined.

Crystal Gooding asked about 265 Dixwell Avenue's exterior? Frank said we would not alter the exterior during our property management. Cyrstal said the roof is in poor condition, would we be addressing it? Frank said we may tarp the roof, but he hasn't been inside to see the damage. Crystal said she was inside about two months ago, and the sheetrock was falling from the ceiling on the third floor. Will the City seek historic funds for fix the property? Arlevia said we will explore this type of funding. LCI will be marketing the community engagement process via the Board of Education, Mayor's weekly blast, the Community Management team, we will be doing a lot of outreach to engage the community.

Nadine asked if we are trying to renegotiate the purchase price at the appraised value of \$1,175,000? Arlevia said she discussed this with Ocean Management and they are not willing to go below \$1,300,000. Arlevia said their original price was \$1,800,000 and she negotiated down to \$1,300,000. Alder Furlow joined the meeting, he was attending an education finance meeting at the same time as LCI Board. Seth gave a quick recap of the meeting.

Alder Furlow said the Board of Alders can amend the price and allow Arlevia to keep trying to negotiate a lower price. Attorney Pinto noted the Board has plenary powers and can make changes on the floor of the Board. Arlevia appreciated the offer, but they are not budging based on a few conversations. If we don't purchase the property another developer will take the site. This is an investment in the community. Evan told the Board, the \$125,000 gap over the appraised value is a small premium when you look at the percentage of the total value. The owner has said it's \$1,300,000 or no deal. Evan believes local developers would be happy to pay the appraised value and the City is getting a fair deal. The City needs to gain site control to continue the revitalization of Dixwell Avenue. Attorney Pinto noted the numbers are out there and the City risks losing the deal if the Board approves the sale below \$1,300,000. Nadine wants to get the best deal for our tax-payer money. Pat asked if the Alders can go up or down on the price. Alder Furlow said the Board will not go up on the price. Attorney Pinto said the Board of Alders can change the price, but the sale

must be approved at LCI Board prior to going to the Board of Alders for final action. This proposal had a workshop at the Board of Alder last week.

A motion was made by Seth Poole to approve the acquisition of the properties for \$1,300,000, seconded by Alder Furlow, roll call was taken, approved (4 yes votes and 1 no vote by Nadine Horton)

Old Business / Discussion

Seth opened the discussion. Evan said the PAD Guidelines have been submitted to the PAD Committee for review. The item was tabled at the PAD Committee and they will come to the LCI Board over the next few months.

Seth asked about the status of the new Neighborhood Specialists. Arlevia said the posting closed last Friday and Arlevia and Frank will interview candidates shortly.

Nadine asked about the ongoing issues at 311 Blake Street. Nadine received an email from the Blake Street Tenants Union. Nadine forwarded the email to LCI staff and the LCI Board. Nadine read the email into the record. The tenants have not received follow up from LCI. Deputy Stroud updated the Board: One violation went to warrant, and there is currently only one open issue at this address. Nadine asked where to direct future complaints? Arlevia said to call (203)946-7090 or email housingcode@newhavenct.gov. Seth also noted the Quinnipiac East Management team has not had an LCI representative. Frank noted the City does not recognize this group; they are a spin-off from the original management team. This group is not the official management team. Maggy Fernandez is the Neighborhood Specialist for this area.

A motion to adjourn was made by Taneha, seconded by Pat Brett, all were in favor, approved unanimously.

Meeting adjourned 6:55 PM

PAD MEETING MINUTES November 16, 2022

PRESENT: Hon. Gerald M. Antunes, BoA; Hon. Anna Festa, BoA, Steve Fontana, Economic Development; Nate Hougrand, City Plan; Evan Trachten, LCI; Clay Williams,

Business Development

Absent: Maurine Villani, Tax Office

Meeting called to order at 3:03 PM

Roll Call of Committee members

A motion to approve the PAD minutes from September 21, 2022 was made by Clay Williams, seconded by Alder Antunes, roll call was taken, minutes approved unanimously.

New Business

262,263,265, & 269 Dixwell Avenue

Evan told the committee the City is proposing to acquire a portfolio of properties owned by Ocean Management affiliates for \$1,300,000. The properties consist of two partially occupied two-family houses at 262 &263 Dixwell Avenue, as well as two mixeduse vacant properties at 265 & 269 Dixwell Avenue. 265 Dixwell Avenue is the former "Monterey Club" and 269 Dixwell Avenue is a vacant convenience store with residential uses above. Evan gave an overview of the development occurring on Dixwell Avenue: The Joe Grate's site is being redeveloped as a residential use. The Walt's Cleaners site is on the list for redevelopment (City owned), the adjacent church is being renovated, the City owned property at 308 Dixwell is slated for redevelopment, the City owned lot next to the flower shop is proposed to be redeveloped with a structure to house the flower shop. Evan also noted closer to Downtown the Dixwell Plaza site plan was recently approved by the City Plan Commission. Also, the Q House project has been completed. Evan told the committee it is vital for the City to acquire this portfolio of properties for site control. The current owner has talked about redeveloping this site since the days of the Harp Administration, but nothing has occurred. The City would like to take control of this area. The City is proposing to conduct a simultaneous acquisition and disposition of 262 & 263 Dixwell Avenue and not hold title to occupied properties. LCI is working to select a non-profit to take title to 262 & 263 Dixwell Avenue as part of the acquisition- disposition. The City will retain 265 & 269 Dixwell Avenue and rehabilitate the property for mixed-use purposes. The City is in the process of obtaining appraisals for all the properties. These properties are in the heart of the revitalization area on Dixwell Avenue

The City has dedicated acquisition funds for this site (CDBG). LCI does not want an investor to acquire this portfolio. Acquiring this cluster of properties is key to the revitalization of Dixwell Avenue. As part of our rehabilitation of 265 & 269 Dixwell Avenue, the City will control how many residential units are developed. The properties currently contain several one-bedroom units and LCI may want to create larger units. This acquisition will support the other investment in the Dixwell Avenue corridor. Clay Williams asked about how many occupants are on site and will be displaced? Evan said one unit is occupied at 262 Dixwell Avenue and two units are occupied at 263 Dixwell Avenue. None of the tenants will be displaced by the proposed acquisition-disposition. Clay asked how much tax revenue will be lost due to this acquisition? Evan didn't have an answer about the tax revenue but noted the assessment of the properties are not

high because of the condition of the properties. The City may sell these properties in the future and they would be back on the tax rolls. The end use has yet to be determined. Alder Festa asked what would the City be responsible to do? Evan told the committee the residential properties would be sold immediately and LCI plans to rehabilitate the mix-use properties. Evan noted, the City may decide to sell the mixed-use properties, it could also offer them as an RFP. We could rehab and resell the mixed-use properties. LCI does not want to manage the completed properties, LCI acts as a caretaker for properties. The final plan hasn't been determined yet, there are several possibilities. Evan noted this is a multi-step process and step-one is to gain site control. Alder Festa noted it would be wise to sell the properties to a developer of our choosing to control what occurs during the redevelopment process. Evan noted our plan could change, and LCI could theoretically sell the properties to a developer. We want the community to benefit from this redevelopment. Alder Festa wants to make sure we get a return on our investment.

Clay has some concerns and would like to modify the motion because of the unknows. Clay doesn't have enough information and will likely abstain. Clay supports the acquisition but needs more details to vote yes on the item. Alder Festa asked if the Alders were contacted. Evan said Arlevia reached out to the Alders and Evan hand delivered the Prior Notification forms. Alder Festa doesn't want the City to rush and make a mistake. Evan said the current proposal if to pay \$1.3 million for the site. Alder Festa ask why we are paying above the assessed value? The purchase price was negotiated by LCI. There is a community benefit and staff don't expect the City to be overpaying by \$400,000 relative to the assessed value. The area will be cleaned up and this will eliminate the blight and vacancies, which will have a huge impact on this area. Steve Fontana spoke in favor of the proposal. Steve understands the concerns expressed by the Alders. Steve said this is precisely the time to utilize scarce City resources to act as a catalyst to further the development of this corridor. The City hasn't been able to act quickly to acquire sites like this and this is a great opportunity. Steve noted he understands Clay's concerns but based on his experience in development this is exactly what needs to be done.

Alder Festa noted that she is afraid of gentrification. Steve said with LCI owner in charge we shouldn't worry about gentrification. Evan said the residential units in the mixed-use structures will be affordable and Arlevia cares deeply about affordable housing and is focused on helping the residents of this area. Alder Festa wants to make sure the AMI of the rental units keeps people in this area. Alder Antunes noted we also need to focus on affordable ownership, there is a lot of focus on affordable rentals. Evan told the committee LCI builds affordable homeownership properties and so do several local non-profits.

A motion was made by Alder Antunes seconded by Steve Fontana, roll call was taken, approved 5-0 with Clay Williams abstaining.

79 Morris Street

Evan told the committee this proposal is to sell a sliver lot to an owner occupant to use as a yard area. The sliver lot is small at 25' X 150' so developing a structure is difficult. Evan offered to sell a portion of the lot to the other adjacent property owner but they didn't respond to the certified letter. It costs the City to cut the grass and shovel the snow at this site. The property will eventually be back on the tax rolls. Alder Antunes asked what does the City do when the adjacent property owner doesn't want to buy a sliver lot? Evan said a greenspace, garden, or park are the typical options. Nate told the committee under the zoning code a single-family house is permitted on a non-conforming lot (sliver lot) as of right. When the lot is small it may not be possible to

develop a single-family house. This lot was too small for Habitat for Humanity to develop a house. LCI wanted to support the owner occupant because they rehabilitated a vacant property.

A motion was made by Nate Hougrand, seconded by Clay Williams, roll call was taken, approved unanimously

PAD Guidelines / Discussion

Evan told the committee that no movement has occurred since our last update. Evan will work internally to review the Guidelines with Arlevia because she wasn't involved previously. Evan hopes to have this item as an action item in the new year. Evan reached out to Pat Solomon and she is pulling data on sliver lot tax abatements. Evan will share this information in the future.

A motion to adjourn was made by Clay Williams, seconded by Alder Festa, all were in favor.

Meeting Adjourned 3:41 P.M.

LCI Board Special Meeting Minutes December 14, 2022 (Via Zoom)

PRESENT: Patricia Brett, Taneha Edwards, Nadine Horton, Seth Poole, Hon. Emie Santiago, Michael Pinto (Office of Corporation Counsel), Arlevia Samuel (Executive

Director, Evan Trachten (LCI staff) **Absent:**), Hon. Richard Furlow **Guests:** Nora Grace-Flood

Meeting called to order at 6:01 P.M.

Roll call of Members: Pat Brett, Taneha Edwards, Alder Ernie Santiago, Seth Poole, Nadine Horton

Review of LCI Board meeting minutes from October 26, 2022. A motion to approve was made by Nadine Horton, seconded by Pat Brett, roll call of members was taken, approved with one abstention by Taneha Edwards.

New Business

<u>Acquisition of 262 Dixwell Avenue, 263 Dixwell Avenue, 265 Dixwell Avenue, 269 Dixwell Avenue</u>

Evan told the Board the City of New Haven proposes to acquire a portfolio of properties on Dixwell Avenue for \$1,300,000 from affiliates of Ocean Management. The portfolio consists of 2, occupied two-family properties located at 262 Dixwell Avenue and 263 Dixwell Avenue, and two vacant mixed-use properties located at 265 Dixwell Avenue and 269 Dixwell Avenue. The City is proposing to do a simultaneous acquisition and disposition of the two-family properties to a local non-profit partner of the City who would rehabilitate the properties as affordable housing (affordable rental or sale to owner occupant). The mixed-use properties will be rehabilitated and affordable housing will be developed on the upper floors while maintaining the ground floor as a business use.

Evan said this is a site control acquisition and acts as a linchpin to support the development occurring on Dixwell Avenue between the former Joe Grate's site and the Dixwell Plaza. The City would like to take control of this area and continue to revitalize the Dixwell corridor. The building at 265 is the former Monterey Club and LCI may reduce the number of units at that location. LCI would like to be the developer of these properties so they are not sold to another investor.

Arlevia told the Board Alder Morrison and Alder Winter are supportive of this acquisition. There will be a community workshop to discuss this project in the near future. LCI wanted to sell the occupied properties to an existing tenant in each building but that is not possible, so we are working to sell the two-family properties to a non-profit partner. The mixed-use structures will be redeveloped.

Seth asked if there were any liens, Evan said no. Pat Brett asked how this fits into the Conn Corp Project? Evan said it compliments their investment and other investments on Dixwell Avenue. There is a lot of investment in this area and the City's investment will help create affordable units.

Alder Santiago expressed concerns about purchasing the portfolio, he works in this area and familiar with the properties. He noted the seller did nothing to these properties and they will make a large profit. Why would the City reward the seller for land-banking, it doesn't sit well with him? Perhaps we could use the money better elsewhere. The developer is paying taxes, and Evan noted they are current on their payments. Arlevia noted it's the real estate market that caused the value to increase. The City is in a position to invest in Dixwell and this will help the community. This is a bigger community benefit. Arlevia told the Board the funding for this is "Main Streets CDBG" and we were supposed to spend the money a few years ago. We have a deadline to spend these funds, or we will have to return the money. The project will be impactful, and this is bigger than the purchase price. Seth noted given the real estate market our investment will be impactful; we can't control market forces.

Nadine noted she can't vote to approve this proposal. Ocean Management has not been a responsible property owner across the City. We cannot reward bad behavior by property owners. Nadine understands the real estate market, but this would reward bad behavior and land banking. We should not pay over fair market value. Ocean Management can sell this property to anyone, they are trying to sell a larger portfolio of their properties. LCI has pending appraisals but they were delayed because our appraiser recently needed emergency surgery. Arlevia noted that Ocean Management had drawn up a proposal to demolish these properties and develop 31 market rate units. Nadine feels we are allowing Ocean Management to make a huge profit, we are allowing bad negotiations to go over our good intentions. Nadine would rather return the Main Street funds to the government than give a slumlord the money.

Seth asked about the letter from the Preservation Trust. The Monterey Club hosted many famous jazz musicians. What is the Trust asking us to do? Arlevia said they want us to rehabilitate the properties to historic standards. The Trust thought we were planning to demolish these properties, we are not planning demolitions. Evan noted when using Federal funds, the City needs to meet the standard of the Secretary of Interior for rehabilitation of historic properties.

Evan said the City is stepping up to create a community benefit. We have dedicated funds for this important project which will be a catalyst for the community, this is not about rewarding bad behavior. Seth said this is an opportunity to take local control of the properties. Arlevia added that when LCI sells these properties they will be sold at market value. Seth asked if there was a motion? Alder Santiago said he may vote in favor of this proposal to get rid of the current owner. Arlevia said the properties will be deed restricted as affordable housing whether rental or sale to owner occupant. Alder Santiago made the motion to approve. Nadine asked if we had an appraisal? Arlevia said we are

waiting for it to be completed, they were delayed due to a medical issue. Arlevia said the original asking price was \$1.8 million but she negotiated it down to \$1.3 million. The Board asked when do the CDBG funds need to be spent? Arlevia said she has the date in her office and will report back to the Board. Taneha asked how many units will we develop? Arlevia said that isn't determined yet. There will be community engagement to discuss this topic. Taneha said sometimes it's worth paying someone to get rid of them, and in this situation, it would help the community. Pat noted that she joined LCI Board to help families and the community, but she is bothered by slumlord's profiting and likely can't support our proposal.

Nadine said she can't support this and doesn't want to set a precedent, and worries other property owners will land bank and be rewarded for their inaction and blight. Nadine said we need to be smart how we spend our tax dollars. We can't ignore who the seller is in our effort to create affordable housing, we can't hide bad negotiations behind good intentions. We should not reward Ocean management; they have been fined by the court several times recently for code violations. Arlevia said we are not rewarding Ocean management, this is beyond the purchase price, this is about doing better for the community, and making the neighborhood a better place. It's about the community and improving the Dixwell community that hasn't received investment from the City for many years. We are trying to acquire blighted properties to take control and do what's best for the community. Nadine said the City owes a lot of neighborhoods, including hers. Alder Santiago noted investment at the Q House by the City. The Board needs more information and would like to request the appraisal and the information about the CDBG Main Streets funding expiration. Evan told the Board if the appraisal value is below our proposed purchase price. LCI will renegotiate with the seller. Pat and Nadine said they would like to see the appraisal and the date we are obligated to spend the funds.

Seth said we will require another Special Meeting to review this information prior to making the decision. Seth proposed holding a Special Meeting on December 21, 2022 so we can potentially send this to the Board of Alders in January of 2023.

A motion was made by Seth Poole to hold a Special meeting on December 21, 2022 to continue the review of this proposal and staff need to have the appraisals of the properties and the date the City received the CDBG funding, as well as the date by which the City is obligated to spend the funds, seconded by Alder Santiago, roll call was taken, approved unanimously.

79 Morris Street

Evan told the Board LCI is proposing to sell a sliver lot to the adjacent owner occupant. The price is \$0.25 per square foot for a total of \$871.25 because the owner, Giovanni Molino is an owner occupant in a CD eligible area. The

applicant recently renovated his adjacent home at 81 Morris Street. He will utilize this land as a side yard area, he already has a driveway. The property was offered to the other abutting property owner who is an investor, but they didn't respond to our certified letter. The sliver lot is small and narrow with only 25' of frontage, so development was not possible. No other uses were proposed for the site such as a garden or greenspace. It's important to support owner occupants, this area will create a nice yard for Mr. Molino.

A motion was made to approve the sale by Alder Santiago, seconded by Nadine Horton, roll call was taken, approved unanimously.

The annual schedule of Regular Meetings for LCI was presented to the Board. Evan said all meetings are the fourth Wednesday of each month.

A motion was made to approve the meeting schedule by Pat Brett, seconded by Alder Santiago, roll call was taken, approved unanimously

Old Business / Discussion

Seth opened the discussion by noting he is looking forward to seeing the organizational structure of LCI. Arlevia will share information about this topic on a future agenda. Arlevia is in the process of hiring staff and will update the Board in February.

Pat thanked Seth for his leadership. Nadine thanked Seth and the other LCI Board members for their work. Nadine also thanks Evan and Arlevia for their work and everything they do for the City. Seth welcomed Taneha Edwards to the Board. Seth also noted Nadine's work helping to shut down the liquor store on Whalley Avenue that had been a problem for the community. Taneha said she cares about New Haven and is happy to be on the Board. Taneha noted the struggles of New Haven residents and her desire to help. Alder Santiago said he is glad he joined the LCI Board and thanks Seth, Evan, and Arlevia for their work.

A motion to adjourn was made by Alder Santiago, seconded by Pat Brett, all were in favor, approved unanimously.

Meeting adjourned 7:18 PM

LIVABLE CITY INITIATIVE -PROPERTY DIVISION

Acquisition Summary Sheet

Property Description

Propo	erty Address	Ma	p-Block-Parcel	Zoning	Ward	Prop	erty Type	Total legal units
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Property Value Information

Appraised Value	Appraised by	Date	Type of Sale	Offered amount	Rehab costs	LCI Recommended
\$1,175,000	William Esposito Jr.	1/19/23	Acquisition	\$1,300,000 plus closing costs	(TBD)	\$1,300,000 plus closing costs

Prior Notifications Sent to

Alderperson	Name of Alderperson	Management Team	Other interested parties
Yes X No 🗌	Hon. Jeanette Morrison Hon. Steven Winter	N/A	N/A

Applicant's Information

Applicant's name, address & telep City of New Haven / Livable City Initiative 165 Church Street 3 rd Floor New Haven CT 06510	hone:	Name, address & tele	phone of contact person:
Applicant's City property tax status:	Review date	Reviewed by:	Comments
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PRIOR NOTIFICATION FORM

NOTICE OF MATTER TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE BOARD OF ALDERS

TO (list appl	icable Alders):	Hon. Jeanette Morrison Hon. Steven Winter								
DATE:	November 8, 2022									
FROM:	Department Person	LCI Property Division Evan Trachten Telephone 946-8373								
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November 30, 2022

Dear Honorable City Plan Commissioners:

This letter is regarding the following City Plan Commission Agenda Item: 1622-02 262, 263, 265, & 269 DIXWELL AVENUE. MBLUs: 294 0343 00700, 282 0347 03700, 282 0347 03800, 282 0347 03900 Submitted by: Evan Trachten, Livable City Initiative for the Acquisition of four lots for a mixed-income, mixed-use future development located in the BA Zoning District.

The Trust recognizes that this is an opportunity to acquire several properties in the heart of the Dixwell revitalization area in order to control their future development. All four of these buildings are located within the Winchester Repeating Arms National Historic District. This district is significant as New Haven's most intact example of major industrial development with large working-class residential neighborhoods from the late 19th and early 20th centuries. The district is architecturally significant for two reasons: first, its core embraces a group of well-preserved industrial buildings associated with Winchester Repeating Arms. Second, the district's residential areas include numerous good examples of modest single- and multi-family housing and scattered commercial, religious and municipal buildings. As a group, these buildings represent a variety of popular vernacular architectural styles of the era.

The Trust encourages the City to retain 262 and 263 Dixwell Avenue as multi-family housing. Since they are in a National Historic District, the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties applies to these buildings.

As the City develops plans for 265 and 269 Dixwell Avenue, we remind you that 265 Dixwell is a significant cultural landmark as the former Monterey Club, a black-owned jazz club that hosted well-known performers throughout its operation. The Trust urges the City to require restoration of the facade and adaptive reuse, rather than demolition.

Under your responsibility to ensure that development projects reflect the character and needs of City neighborhoods, we ask that the historic significance of the buildings covered by Agenda item 1622-02 be considered in future projects.

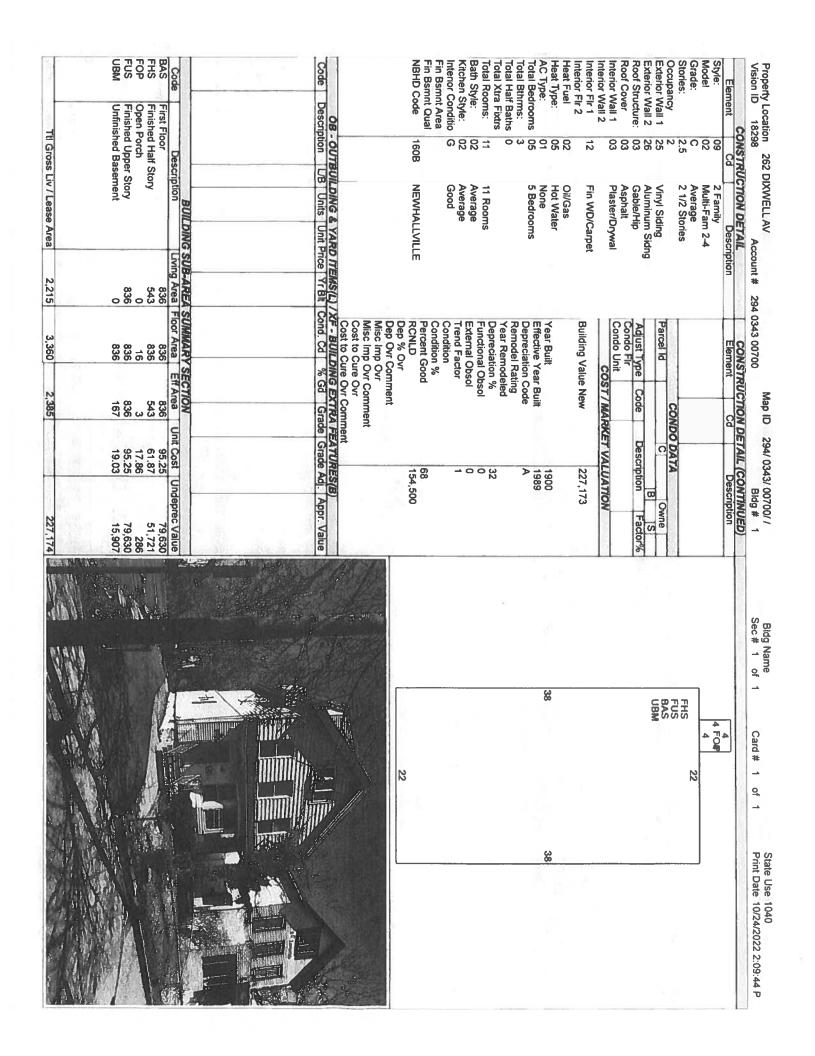
Thank you for your service and efforts to ensure that land use and development changes positively impact New Haven's residents.

Sincerely,

Sarah Tisdale

Director of Historic Preservation

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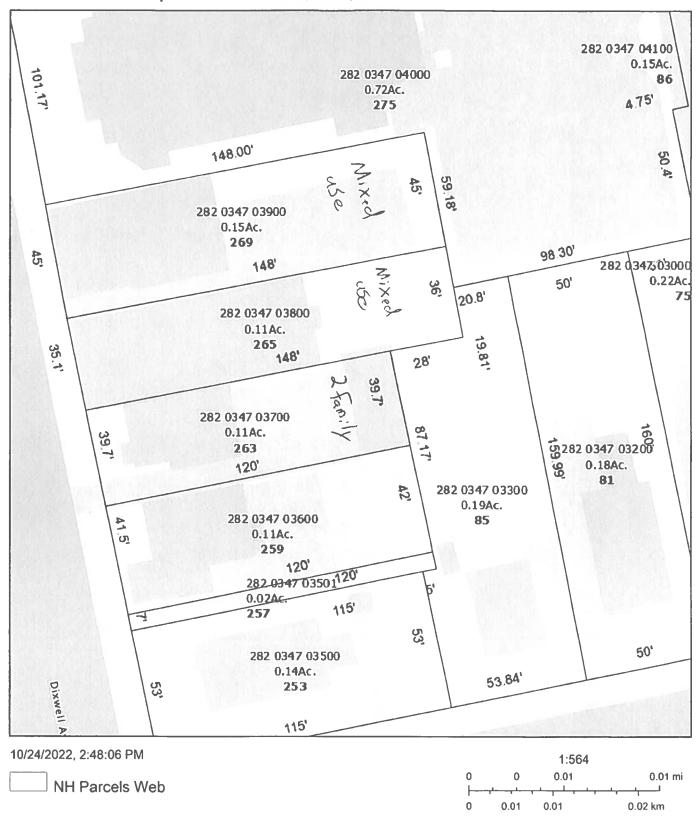
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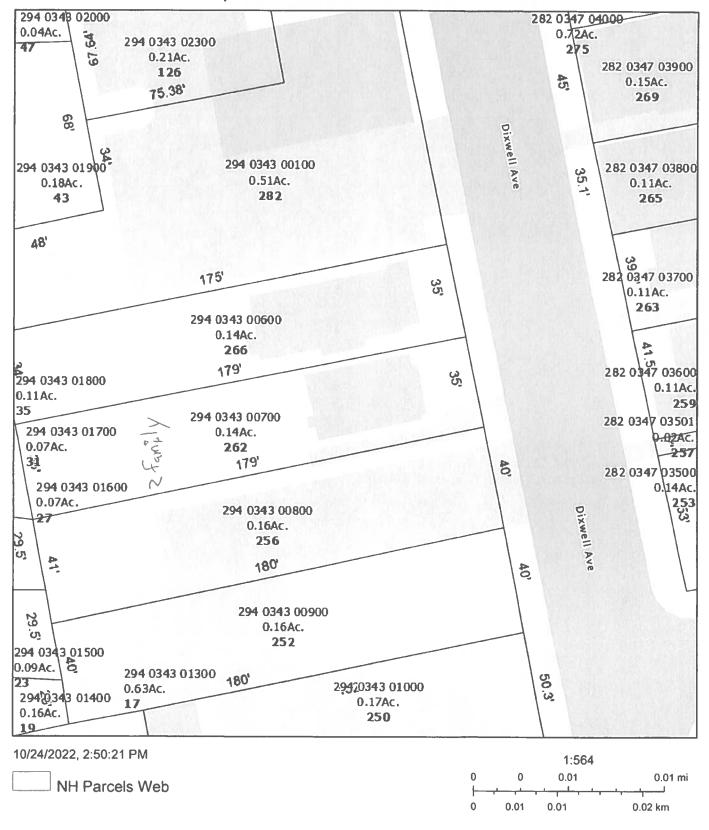
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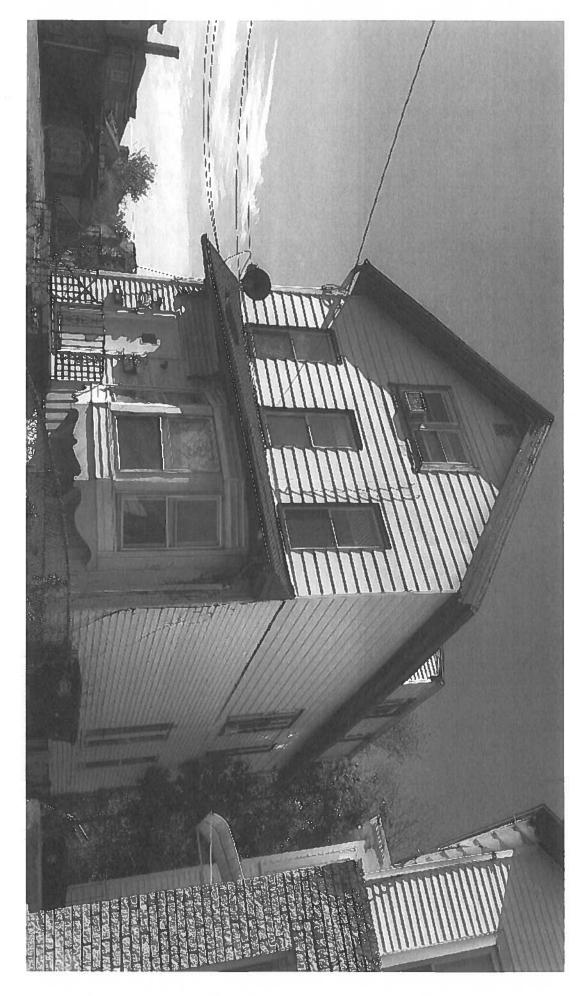
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Acquisition of 263,265, & 269 Dixwell Avenue

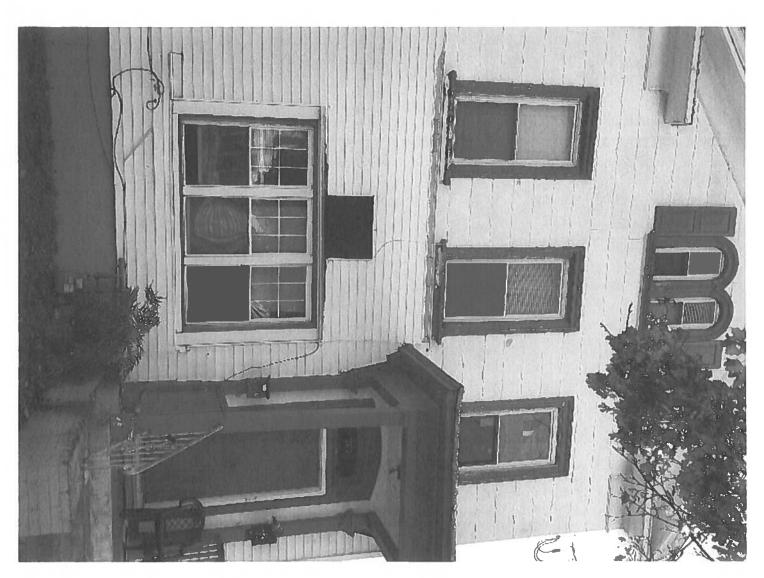


Acquisition of 262 Dixwell Avenue





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NEW HAVEN CITY PLAN COMMISSION ADVISORY REPORT

RE: 262, 263, 265, &269 DIXWELL AVENUE. MBLUs: 294 0343 00700, 282 0347 03700, 282

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Acquisition of four lots for a mixed-income, mixed-use future development. Located in the BA

Zoning District. (Submitted by: Evan Trachten, Livable City Initiative)

REPORT: 1622-02 ADVICE: Approval

PROJECT SUMMARY:

Applicant(s): City of New Haven/Livable City Initiative

Price: up to \$1,300.000 plus closing costs

Site: 22,207 square feet

Zone: BA

Use: Mixed-use development

Financing: Subsidy:

City Lead: Evan Trachten

Agency: Livable City Initiative

Phone: 203-946-8373

ORDINANCE

This request comes from the City's Livable City Initiative Bureau (LCI) regarding the acquisition of four lots. This is in accordance with Section D(8) of the City's Land Disposition Agreement Guidelines, "The proposal shall be forwarded in the following sequence for further consideration: 1. PAD (approval required); 2. City Plan Commission (advisory review); and 3. LCI Board of Directors (approval required)." Accordingly, the Planning Commission may provide an advisory report.

BACKGROUND

The City of New Haven, acting through the Livable City Initiative (LCI), proposes to acquire a portfolio of properties on Dixwell Avenue. The City proposed to acquire 262 Dixwell Avenue and 263 Dixwell Avenue (residential properties) as well as 265 Dixwell Avenue, and 269 Dixwell Avenue (mixed-use properties). The City will conduct a simultaneous disposition of 262 and 263 Dixwell Avenue, disposing of these properties to a nonprofit organization (organization not yet determined). Current residents will not be displaced. The City will retain 265 and 269 Dixwell Avenue for a mixed-income, mixed-use future development as part of the City's effort to revitalize the Dixwell Avenue Corridor. It remains undetermined whether the City would conduct the redevelopment, or whether there would be an RFP to find a Developer for the project. Essentially, the LCI Board of Directors seeks guidance as to whether this proposed acquisition is in accordance with the Comprehensive Plan.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

The proposal will achieve the following Comprehensive Plan Goals:

- "Use redevelopment and other tools to address nuisance and deterioration issues, including uses that are deleterious to neighborhoods in general." This is a redevelopment tool to keep properties from becoming deleterious to the neighborhood.
- "Strategic and targeted planning efforts are recommended within Dixwell and Newhallville neighborhoods such as: consolidation of vacant and underutilized sites, sliver lots, and/or non-conforming lots to create sizable opportunity sites for development; improving existing traffic and street network

around these sites; and promoting development through partnerships with local non-profits and other city agencies."

ADVICE:

To approve based on this proposal's alignment with the City's Comprehensive Plan.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

The City Plan Commission recently approved plans for redevelopment of Dixwell Plaza (CPC Report #1616-04), across the street, the Q House was recently completed and opened its doors in fall 2021. There are several other, city-owned sites slated for redevelopment in the area. This proposed acquisition represents another step toward reinvesting in the Dixwell Neighborhood, to create a thriving commercial corridor with mixed-income housing on upper stories. This type of redevelopment, designed to support residents and business owners in the Dixwell neighborhood, is explicitly called for in the Comprehensive Plan. Planning Staff note the discussion described in the PAD minutes on the importance of ensuring that gentrification and displacement do not occur as a result of the proposed redevelopment. Acquisition by LCI will give the City greater control over affordability and other key aspects of redevelopment plans, to ensure that this site is developed in accordance with the Comprehensive Plan and the needs and preferences of the neighborhood.

Planning Staff also note that all four structures in this proposal are listed in Historic Resource Inventories and are identified as contributing structures in the Winchester Repeating Arms Company National Historic District. The structures at 262 Dixwell Avenue and 263 Dixwell Avenue, slated to be disposed to a nonprofit organization following the acquisition and maintained as multi-family housing, retain notable features of the historic facades. The buildings at 265 Dixwell Avenue, and 269 Dixwell Avenue appear to have been substantially altered with additions to create ground-floor commercial space, while retaining some historic features. Any full or partial demolition of any of these structures proposed in the future is subject to City Charter Title III, Chapter 9, Article II, Section 9-50-Delay of demolition of historic resources.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Commission makes the following recommendations for the proposed acquisition:

- A strong affordability component should be required for the residential component of any future mixeduse development.
- Robust community engagement should be conducted as redevelopment plans are developed, including with the Community Management Team.
- Opportunities for local apprentices to be involved in the project should be pursued.
- Due to the site's location, including proximity to the Farmington Canal Trail, special attention should be given to supporting bicycle and pedestrian access.
- Historic features on the façades of 262 and 263 Dixwell Avenue should be preserved. Impact on historic resources should be considered while planning for future redevelopment of the 265 and 269 Dixwell Avenue lots.

ADOPTED: November 30, 2022

Leslie Radcliffe

Chair

ATTEST: December 2, 2022 | 10:28 AM EST

Laura E Brown

Executive Director, City Plan Department

Dixwell Avenue Acquisitions by LCI

St#	Street Name	Value (\$)	Date of appraisal
262	Dixwell Avenue	245,000	1/19/2023
263	Dixwell Avenue	250,000	1/19/2023
265	Dixwell Avenue	330,000	1/19/2023
269	Dixwell Avenue	350,000	1/19/2023
		\$1,175,000	
		Total Value	

Appraised by William F. Esposito, Jr.