




MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Representatives Steering Committee

FROM: Mayor David Martin 

RE: Discontinuation of a portion of Stanley Court to facilitate  
Inspirica Housing Project

DATE: September 10, 2015

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Please place on your next agenda the proposed discontinuance of a portion of Stanley Court, as per the following more detailed explanation.

Pursuant to the City's Charter and Code of Ordinances, the process of discontinuing a street begins with the passage of a non-binding preliminary resolution of intent instructing the executive branch to procure/develop quantifying information with respect to relevant technical aspects and the financial impact of the discontinuance. If, after the information has been acquired and reviewed, the Mayor decides to go forward with the discontinuance, he is required to file a report making the information available for public inspection; submit the matter to the Planning Board and the Board of Finance for approval; and instruct the Director of Operations to hold a public hearing on the proposal. The last step in the process is a resubmittal to the Board of Representatives,

requesting final approval of the discontinuance via binding resolution directing that same be carried out.

Accordingly, attached hereto is a non-binding preliminary resolution necessary to initiate the discontinuation process with respect to a portion of Stanley Court. This discontinuation, along with a recommended donation of adjacent City-owned property (for which your approval will also be necessary) will leverage plans to create 54 units of deeply affordable housing in the heart of downtown Stamford.

Those plans are the result of the generosity of Garden Homes Management, a well-known local developer of market and below market rate housing, and its partner, non-profit Inspirica, whose mission is to break the cycle of homelessness. Garden Homes, which has committed \$2.5 million towards the approximate \$9 million cost of the project, will construct the housing. Inspirica will provide \$800,000. The balance will be raised through private fundraising and conventional financing.

Resolution No. \_\_\_\_

**Notice of Intent to Discontinue a Portion of Stanley Court**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford, at the request of the Mayor, is contemplating the discontinuance of a portion of Stanley Court; and

**WHEREAS**, that portion of Stanley Court that the Board is contemplating discontinuing begins at the intersection of Franklin Street and Stanley Court, as depicted on Exhibit A,

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CITY OF STAMFORD THAT:**

The public health, safety, welfare, convenience and necessity may require the discontinuance of a portion of Stanley Court; and

Pursuant to the provisions of the Section C8-60-3 of the Charter of said City of Stamford, the Mayor is hereby requested to cause a report to be made on the contemplated discontinuance of that portion of Stanley Court as was more particularly described hereinabove.