



Gedney Association

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Debate at Woman's Club and FASNY at the School Board

Dear Neighbors—

The Woman's Club will be hosting a **Candidates Forum on Thursday, September 26 at 7PM**. The candidates for Common Council and County Legislature will be making statements and taking questions. This will be a good opportunity to hear the candidates' views on the topics effecting our community.

FASNY presented its latest version of its plan to develop the former Ridgeway CC site **at a meeting of the School Board** held on Monday night. The meeting was very well attended. The School Board has been approached by FASNY to consider allowing FASNY to rearrange and reconstruct the entrance to the High School on North Street. FASNY's new plan includes an option of the main entrance to its proposed educational complex from North Street opposite the High School entrance and adjacent to the YWCA. FASNY needs the School Board's permission to move the High School entrance before it can proceed with its plan. Of course, the Common Council also has to approve the plan.

FASNY made a presentation to the School Board and the Board then proceeded with its meeting. Each Board meeting allows for public comment on any topic pertaining to the school district. Several people from throughout White Plains spoke and everyone spoke about the proposed FASNY project. The overwhelming majority of speakers objected to the plans for a new traffic configuration on North Street, citing safety and budgetary concerns. Allen Flissler spoke as President of the North Street Area Citizens Association, stating their objections and I spoke for the Gedney Association. Board members Ellen Lee and Garry Klein also spoke, and very effectively. Although they did not speak Monday night, the White Plains High School PTA wrote a strong letter of objection to the FASNY plans which it had presented at an earlier meeting of the School Board.

What is next and what can you do to help? We have received numerous requests from members of our community asking these questions. The next step in the process is the adoption by the Common Council of an Environmental Findings Statement. This is expected sometime in the middle of October. The adoption of Findings is a critical part of the SEQR process. We must persuade the Council to adopt negative Findings. Please continue to contact Council members, including the Mayor, and let them know your objections to the FASNY proposals and plans. Even if you have written to them previously, it is important that they hear from you now. And, please ask your friends and neighbors to write and talk to the Council too. **Our Council members live and work in our community and they need to hear from as many people as possible. Please do not hesitate to contact them.**

Thank you.

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