



Gedney Association

P.O. Box 134 • Gedney Station • White Plains, NY 10605

October 5, 2012

Detox Center and Open Space/Recreation District Update

Dear Neighbors-

In non-FASNY news (mostly), the Common Council recently took up (i) an application for an alcohol and drug detoxification facility in the Carhart neighborhood and (ii) the State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) process for the proposed Open Space/Recreation District.

Sunrise Detox Center: Sunrise Detox has applied for a special permit for a drug and alcohol detoxification facility to be located in the former Nathan Miller Nursing Home building at the corner of Carhart and DeKalb Avenues in the Carhart neighborhood. Understandably, residents of Carhart are unhappy with the possibility of the detox center in the middle of their neighborhood. A public hearing was held on October 1 and opposition was voiced by the Carhart Neighborhood Association, local residents and several other neighborhood associations from throughout White Plains. **The Gedney Association was glad to add our voice to the opposition to the detox center.** As we have often stated, we believe that White Plains is an attractive place to live in no small part because of our many wonderful neighborhoods. If any one of our neighborhoods is allowed to deteriorate or be harmed in some way, all of White Plains will suffer.

Open Space/Recreation District (OSRD): At the same Council meeting on October 1, the second session of the public

hearing on the Generic Draft Environmental Impact Statement (GDEIS) was held. We took the opportunity to expand on our comments made at the first session (informed by the fact that we finally had an opportunity to thoroughly review the GDEIS). For those who have not been following this process very closely, the OSRD is a zoning change proposed for the four current or former golf course properties in White Plains - Fenway Golf Club, Maplemoor Golf Course, Westchester Hills Golf Club and the former Ridgeway Country Club now owned by the French American School of New York (FASNY). The potential new zone would, in theory, aim to restrict the development of the properties in ways that would preserve open space while allowing for recreational activities and uses. None of the alternatives presented in the GDEIS seemed to achieve the stated goals so we chose not to endorse any one possibility. Instead, we highlighted the elements and principles we thought should be included in any open space district. **Our letter to the Common Council reflecting the comments made at the public hearing is attached for your information.**

I apologize for the liberal use of acronyms. However, to see if you have been paying attention, there may be a quiz covering all of the acronyms used in these emails at the **Gedney Association Annual Meeting!** (There may even be a prize.) The Annual Meeting will be on **Wednesday, November 14 at the Ridgeway Elementary School.**

Also, please plan to attend the second session of the FASNY public hearing on Wednesday, October 17 at 7PM at City Hall. We will be sending more information concerning this hearing in the coming days.

Thank you.

- Terence

Terence Guerriere
President, Gedney Association

Gedney Association Board Members:

John Sheehan, Vice President

Midge Sanchez, Secretary

Evelyne Klein, Treasurer

Yvonne Gumowitz, Information Officer

Ellen Del Vecchio-Lee

Guy D'Antona

Anna Fagan

Garry Klein

Elsie Lahrmann

Barbara Schwarz

Robert Stackpole