



Gedney Association

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Greetings!

To paraphrase President Gerald R. Ford:

"Our long neighborhood nightmare is over...almost!"

At long last, it appears that the fight we as a community have waged against the FASNY project will finally be coming to a conclusion. We are reasonably optimistic that we will see a vote denying FASNY the Special Permit they require to move forward with their project.

Yes...reasonably optimistic. Why are we hopeful? Here is a summary of where we stand:

1. FASNY presented a final Site Plan whose viability depended on closing Hathaway Lane.
2. A super-majority of the Common Council (5 votes out of 7) is required to approve any street closure in White Plains.
3. The Common Council voted not to approve the closure of Hathaway Lane.
4. Since the closure of Hathaway Lane was a required component of the FASNY Site Plan, the vote to not close Hathaway, essentially "killed" the Site Plan.
5. The Common Council then decided NOT to vote on the Special Permit since, without a Site Plan, the application for a Special Permit was a moot point. No Site Plan, no special permit.
6. FASNY sued, arguing that the Common Council's vote on Hathaway Lane was somehow improper and unlawful.
7. Judge Joan B. Lefkowitz denied FASNY's motion to overturn the Common Council vote on Hathaway Lane, ruling that the vote was lawful, thus assuring that Hathaway Lane would remain open.
8. Judge Lefkowitz ordered the White Plains Common Council to immediately hold a vote on the Special Permit application.
9. The vote on FASNY's Special Permit Application will take place on **Monday February 1, at 7:30 PM.**

Now...

Since the Hathaway Lane will not be closed...

And since closing Hathaway Lane was a necessary requirement in FASNY's Site Plan...

And since, without closing Hathaway Lane there is no Site Plan...

And since without a Site Plan is there can't be a Special Permit...

You'd think this would be pretty simple, straight forward vote for the Common Council!

But...you never know! Stuff happens!

So we need you out there one more time, to show the Common Council our community's continued solidarity and determination to preserve our beautiful neighborhood. We will also be showing our support for our Mayor and Common Council members who have taken a courageous stand against an enormous, wealthy and powerful force.

So get there early! **6:00 PM!** FASNY will have their contingent there and we must be there to have our voice heard one last time by the Common Council.

6:00 PM! City Hall! Seats are limited! You wouldn't want to miss the last act of this five year drama!

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