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We have further reviewed the proposed plan for the SFC project and its impact on the Yonkers Fire Department (YFD) and our ability to maintain adequate service both during construction and after completion of the project. Specifically, I would like to address the six (6) points raised by AKRF:

1. The YFD can serve the SFC buildings with the proposed heights?

With the recommended additional manpower, training and equipment we feel confident the YFD will be able to adequately serve the proposed mixed use development, including the buildings at the anticipated heights as proposed.

2. The temporary firehouse location at Columbus Place and St. Casimir Ave. is acceptable as a temporary location without compromising the ability to deliver adequate service?

The temporary firehouse location will not impede YFD's ability to effectively serve the community nor will it negatively affect response times, as long as all of our concerns of maintaining adequate traffic flow, which have been given to the SFC traffic engineering consultant, are met.

3. The concerns expressed by the firefighters union are addressed.

The issues raised by the firefighter's union have been discussed and they will be kept informed of any changes to the plan. It should be noted that the issues of maintaining effective fire protection services are the mutual concern of both the Fire Department administration and the firefighter union members and we will not compromise on anyone's safety.

4. The ballpark will not unduly strain the staffing and equipment of the YFD.

The ballpark was considered in our review of the overall project.

5. Evacuation plans for the proposed facilities will be reviewed for compliance with City Code.

It is part of our mandate to review emergency evacuation plans for such facilities and we will, of course, continue to do so. Such work will be done in cooperation with the Yonkers Police Department and the private property owner(s).

6. The comprehensive training program of the YFD will be updated as necessary to address these new types of facilities.

Frankly, that is a given. The YFD has always maintained an aggressive training program for any anticipated emergencies for both the protection of the public and the Yonkers' firefighters, and we will continue to do so.


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