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I totally agree with Mr. Gelarden. I don't know anyone that can look at the proposed design and think this is a good idea for the neighborhood or the park. This will have a major impact on the park. It is beyond my comprehension that the Association is not opposed to the current design.

Why isn't the pump station being relocated within the 90 acre ALCO site or to the edge of the SCCC campus. The existing pump station could serve some other community and neighborhood function. This design represents a total lack of planning and disregard for the historic integrity of our neighborhood - on the part of the City, project architects and engineers. If Frank wasn't the architect, he and Mary would be leading the opposition. Oh, but wait, there is no opposition. The board should be bringing this to a vote of the membership ASAP and if the Association membership is opposed to the current design, we should be making that clear to the City.

Bob - I agree that the City should be complying with their wastewater regulation requirements, but isn't that a given. I strongly support clean water, but your points about water quality amount to a red herring. For the Stockade Association, this project should be evaluated from the standpoint and perspective of our mission: *protecting, preserving and improving New York's first historic district.*

Carol - "CHA team has used this input to create and revise project plans which balance need for improvements in City's Wastewater management and limits impacts on parkland and neighbors". I guess I am missing the balance or the part about limiting impacts on the parkland and neighbors. Did the original design encompass the entire park?

If we are truly committed to protecting and preserving our historic district, we should oppose this current design ASAP. But as we all know, it's probably already too late. The City's engineers and architects are just going through the motions of "gathering input" and complying with SEQRA. As Carol explained, they will listen and then make some minor tweaks, and then move forward. If they were really doing their jobs, this project design would have never even seen the light of day, and if they really cared about the

neighborhood, they should have meet with us prior to putting pen to paper. They should have understood that blocking the river from historic homes that enjoyed that connection for almost 200 years was a non-starter.

From an economic standpoint, We likely pay more per square foot in property taxes than any other neighborhood in the City, From a economic standpoint, we should be protecting the park and the neighborhood, not building and even larger pump station.

After the next presentation, we should take a vote as a membership, and based upon that vote, the Board should advocate accordingly.

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