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Civil Court Lawsuit for Ryan Park Rejected

The Washington Village Choice Neighborhoods Initiative (CNI) has been defending a Civil Suit & Injunction filed by the Friends of Ryan Park in Stamford Superior Court. The suit claimed that Ryan Park would be harmed by the CNI by impacting on the art installations, using park property for non-recreational activities, killing the trees and eliminating the plaza that has been used as a “human chessboard.” The Judge dismissed the case on June 7th that none of the claims made by the Friends of Ryan Park could be substantiated at the present time. The judge added that should specific actions be taken by the City of Norwalk, the park owner, that provided evidence of potential harm as claimed, he would consider hearing the case. In April a Superior Court in New Britain found the Friends of Ryan Park to have no standing (they had no stake in the park and could not claim to be harmed) and rejected an Appeal of the Floodplain Exemption granted by the State of Connecticut for the Washington Village development.

Public Forum Scheduled to Review Ryan Park Plans

The Choice Neighborhoods Initiative and the Norwalk Redevelopment Agency will be hosting the third Outreach Forum to seek public input into design concepts for the future Ryan Park. Landscape architecture firm Stantec presented new potential designs for the park to the Mayor’s Ryan Park Advisory Committee on June 1st. They have since incorporated the Committee suggestions into a revised plan and the Washington Village/South Norwalk community is invited to a presentation of the plans and a forum to provide comments and suggestions. The meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, July 19th at 6:30 PM** and will be held that the **Choice Neighborhoods field office at 149 Water Street (second floor)**. For information call Nadine at (203) 838-8471, ext. 681 or visit www.norwalkcni.org.