

# Geriatric Authority – Gendara Lease

This proposed lease was brought to my attention at the end of July. I followed up with GA Board Chair, Patti Devine and COO Don Wilcox and then met with Don to gain information on the project and tour the partially reconstructed wing of the B building. I responded to questions posed by Dan Boyle regarding concerns of residents at 50 Holy Family Road.

The Board of Directors then held a Special Board Meeting which I attended. At this meeting I raised questions about the staffing levels, security, the general nature of the program, such as number and type of residents in the proposed program:

- There will be three (3) awake staff at night
- There are cameras in the hallway and alarms on the doors if one exits improperly
- It was stated that DPH (Department of Public Health and Department of Youth Services have reviewed and approved these programs to be sited on the same property.
- There is an enclosed outdoor activity area that is connected to the wing
- The residents are the lowest level adolescents in the system.
- The ages served are teens from 11-17
- There will be approximately 12 residents in the program at a time.

The City Council will vote on this lease.

As YOUR Ward 5 Councilor I have and will continue to:

- ✓ Represent your needs and concerns to the Geriatric Authority representatives and the Gendara staff.
- ✓ As always, I will keep you promptly updated on information as soon as I receive it by sending emails, posting information on my website and holding citizen forums.
- ✓ My next citizen meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00PM at Mrs. Mitchell's in the plaza at the corner of Homestead Ave and Rt. 202.

\*\*This week, on August 7<sup>th</sup> the police responded to a call from the GA by a resident there (is my understanding). I am following up with the police department, awaiting completion of their investigation and the final report.

As Your Ward 5 Councilor, **I have and will continue to represent your interests.** If you ever have a question, call me at 533-6498 or 210-6077.