

Aldermen Murphy and Johnson,

During your committee meeting on May 16, 2016 you made the decision to deny the return of this property to the former absentee slumlords that owned the property. For that I am grateful and pleased. However, it has come to my attention that this same issue has been referred back to your committee for a second time. I am confused as to why this issue is being revisited by the committee after the City has done a tremendous job restoring the property to the point that it could be easily sold to an owner occupied resident.

I would again like it to be known that I, the Historic Brewers Hill Association, and an overwhelming majority of residents in Brewers Hill strongly oppose the request to return this property to the previous owners. I am writing as a neighbor in Brewers Hill and as the owner of property immediately adjacent to this property. I have lived in the Brewers Hill neighborhood for 16 years, and during that time, prior to the City taking possession, this property has been vacant and been passed around to multiple “affiliated slumlords” who had no interest or intention of restoring and maintaining the property. They have evaded code enforcement, historical regulations, and taxes for as long as I have lived in the neighborhood. Their game of moving the property from LLC to LLC has been extraordinarily obvious to all that have witnessed it. I strongly believe this latest request is just a continuation of those games, compounded now by the fact that taxpayer funds have been used to restore the property due to their neglect. This situation is made all the more unfortunate because this property is one of the oldest in Brewers Hill, and has a very unique and special architecture that is not seen in any other homes in the neighborhood? We cannot let the building pass back into the hands of this “slumlord” who has shown no interest in restoring and protecting the building or the neighborhood in which it resides.

I am respectfully requesting that you please do the right thing for the tax payers of Milwaukee and the Brewers Hill neighborhood and again deny the request to allow this property to pass yet again back to the hands the former owners.

Sincerely,

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