



HISTORIC BREWERS HILL
NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

September 28, 2016

Michael J Murphy, Chair
Judicial and Legislation Committee
City Hall
200 E. Wells Street
Room 205
Milwaukee, WI 53202

Cavalier Johnson, Vice Chair
Judicial and Legislation Committee
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RE: Judiciary & Legislation Committee Meeting - October 3, 2016
Item #5 / File # 151808
Substitute Resolution authorizing the return of real estate located at 1851
N. 2nd Street in the 6th Aldermanic District to its former owner Reservoir
Properties LLC)

Dear Chairman Murphy and Vice Chair Johnson,

The Historic Brewers Hill Association continues to strongly oppose the proposed return of the property located at 1851 N. 2nd Street to the former owners. This property has been a nuisance to the surrounding neighbors and a blight on the entire Brewers Hill neighborhood for at least the last 7 years.

The owners of this property have shown a complete disregard for their neighbors and the neighborhood by not maintaining the property. Its disrepair has included, but has not been limited to:

- Broken Windows, missing windows, boarded up doors
- A dilapidated garage that is not secured, inviting animals and vagrants
- Front porch in disrepair and unsafe condition (for many years)
- Complete disregard for upkeep of the lawn or snow removal
- Constant litter and debris in and around the property
- Loitering about the property as well as illegal squatting

This same group of owners, albeit hidden behind different LLCs, also own adjacent properties at 1921, 1922, 1923 N. 2nd Street. These properties are in similar conditions and we have experienced the same nuisances including drug dealing from squatters.

The Historic Brewers Hill Association has been watching the property in question (1851 N. 2nd Street) for many years with the hope that the negligent owners would eventually repair and maintain or sell the home to a responsible new owner but clearly the owners had no interest in that. To us, it is clear that the owners of these properties place no value on these properties or have any desire to repair and maintain these properties to the great detriment of the Brewers Hill neighborhood.

We were very pleased and supportive of the City of Milwaukee's recent action to take ownership of the property. The City has invested significant taxpayer resources to into the repair and restoration of the property, and as a neighborhood we are anxious to allow the City to put the home on the market for owner occupancy.

The Historic Brewers Hill Association strongly objects to any action that would return the property to the owners that have abused the property, the City of Milwaukee, and the Brewers Hill neighborhood.

Sincere regards,

William Jenkins
President
Historic Brewers Hill Association

cc: Ald. Coggs (via mail)
HBHA Board of Directors (via email)