



May 21, 2013

The Honorable Michael Nutter
Room 215 City Hall
Philadelphia, PA 19107

Dear Mayor Nutter:

We, the residents of Waterfront Square Condominiums, request that the City and its appropriate departments enforce the clean-up of Delaware Avenue from Sugar House Casino to the Race Street Pier.

As we write - a new pedestrian walkway, bike lane and street border garden are being constructed along the east-side of Delaware Avenue from the Casino to Spring Garden Street. We appreciate these improvements and are looking forward to their successful completion. However, many of the commercial establishments, city-owned properties and storm water release channels (owned by the Coast Guard) sandwiched between the Delaware River and Delaware Avenue from the casino to the Race Street Pier are a disgrace. There is endless cyclone fencing, dumpsters full of trash, piles of long-standing dirt, broken furniture, a dilapidated shack, and a general disregard for good maintenance practices and "housekeeping" by owners.

For a city attempting to make its eastern waterfront (the Delaware) attractive to residents and visitors and that has plowed millions of dollars into waterfront planning, the reconstruction of the Race Street Pier and the adjacent water pumping station, and the aforementioned walkway/bike trail, why would it not want to set an example and force itself and owners to beautify and maintain their respective properties?

Attached are a series of photographs with notes illustrating the Avenues' problems. We would like these areas attended to and a schedule developed for regular maintenance and City Code enforcement along this stretch of waterfront.

In addition, the City (Streets Department) owns an "asphalt" building at the corner of Delaware and Fairmount avenues, there are high weeds, broken glass, garbage, hypodermic needles/drug paraphernalia and litter surrounding it. We, the residents, have attempted to keep this area clean. However, it is a weekly problem. The City owns it; it is an eyesore, please keep it clean.



As a sign of good stewardship and community action, several residents from Waterfront Square contacted the Coast Guard and received approval to remove trash, (a truck tire, grocery cart and other large debris) from one of the storm water channels (see photograph #1) between Penn and Spring Garden streets. Currently, the residents are negotiating with a contractor to remove and properly dispose of this accumulation of goods in the waterway. Waterfront residents will continue to plan clean-up days to improve the quality of life along the Delaware. We hope the City will work with us to achieve these goals.

We are looking forward to hearing from you. Thank you.

Sincerely yours on behalf of the residents of Waterfront Square Condominiums and Spa,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Miranda Milner'.

Miranda Milner
Property Manager
Waterfront Square Condominiums and Spa

Attachment - photographs

Lawrence Farnese, PA Senator (w/a)
Michael O'Brien, PA State Representative (w/a)
Darrell L. Clarke, President of City Council (w/a)
Mark Squilla, City Council Representative (w/a)
Matthew Rubin, President, Northern Liberties Neighbors Association (w/a)
Sugar House Casino (w/a)
Harris Steinberg, FAIA, Executive Director of PennPraxis (w/a)
Wendy Hamilton, General Manager, Sugar House Casino (w/a)
Tom Kehoe, President, Yards Brewery (w/a)

#1 Storm Water Channel







Piles of Dirt on City-owned property between Penn Street and Spring Garden Street



Filled Dumpsters and fences



Chair has been there for 7 years











