Boyer, James N NAP

From: Raython Bass [raythoneb@yahoo.com]
Sent: Friday, March 07, 2008 12:02 AM
To: Boyer, James N NAP
Subject: Public Notice Comments

My name is Raython Bass and this is a public community comment on the Army Corps allowing sugarhouse to build thier Casino. There are many negatives and positives proposed with the construction of this casino, and to say one out weighs the next would be biased. This situation is neutral and knowing this why not allow the construction of this casino to take place. I know this situation is more important than an individual but i would like to voice my opinion. This city is dull and boring known for alot of negativity, such as crime, drugs, filthyness and ugly people its time to set presidence and put the city of PHILADELPHIA back on top. There are many ways to accomplish this but first we need something in the city that people could gravitate to like a casino. Something that could reverse the thinking of the city from something negative to something POSITIVE. It is not a guarantee that this will work but nothing in life is guaranteed but one thing is known one will never know without trying just take a look a Christopher Columbus. In the coming weeks the Army Corps will make a decision that will effect the future for the city of philadelphia and its people and with this decision there will be either a positive or negative outlook depending on who you ask, one thing is guaranteed with this decision one person cant please everyone. "THE NEXT GREAT CITY" that is what philadelphia has been pronounced lets give people reason to believe this, destroy the negative stereotypes and restore philadelphia's prominence back to what it once was in the 60s and 70s.

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Boyer, James N NAP

From: Levins, Richard F. [Richard.Levins@ibx.com]
Sent: Thursday, March 27, 2008 2:54 PM
To: Boyer, James N NAP
Subject: Sugarhouse Site

Dear Mr. Boyer,

I am a life long resident of Philadelphia and 25 year resident of the Fishtown section in Philadelphia. During my years in Fishtown, I have volunteered with many organizations, including the coaching of various little league sport teams. I currently serve in a volunteer capacity as President and Chairman of the Board of the New Kensington Community Development Corporation.

For many years the Sugarhouse site has been a neglected trash and rat infested overgrown lot that no one cared or ever walked. Now, because of the proposed casino, a small but well funded group on anti-casino professional activists are asserting various arguments as to why this site should not be developed by Sugarhouse.

As a resident and community volunteer for many years, I have seen the damage caused to our youth who have few opportunities for meaningful jobs with health benefits and potential for advancement. I have also seen the many failed attempts to develop the waterfront in my community. I also find it objectionable that the only economic development to date on our waterfront has been a gated condominium complex that is closed off to all local residents. Our community and our City needs to expand its job growth and further develop its tourism industry.

I respectfully urge you to move forward with your approval to allow the Sugarhouse to begin its development.

Sincerely,

Richard F. Levins
1334 East Montgomery Avenue
Philadelphia, PA 19125
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Boyer, James N NAP

From: Warrington, Mary Ann [MWarrington@WOLFBLOCK.com]
Sent: Thursday, March 27, 2008 3:29 PM
To: Boyer, James N NAP
Subject: Sugarhouse Casino Site

Dear Mr. Boyer,

I am also a resident of the Fishtown neighborhood, I have live here all of my life, raise my family here. I welcome the possibilities of empoyment that Sugarhouse will offer to my friends and neighbors. This site has been abondoned for years, so the opportunity for employment as well as the revenues it will generate into my neighborhood and this city are substantial. I ask you not to be swayed by representatives of Casino Free Philadelphia, this is a group of activist who are attempting to stop this development from ever taking place. Our community has long awaiting a developer to come along and address the issues on the waterfront. Finally we feel that our neighborhood will get the attention which have been long overlooked. Please do not prolong the project from happening by letting a few people who are trying delay tactics by requesting public hearings, on a site that has been a neglected, rat infested eyesore for over a decade. Please let this development get started once and for all. Thank you.

Sinerely,

Mary Ann Warrington
1113 East Susquehanna Avenue
Philadelphia, PA 19125

Boyer, James N NAP

From: R. Mitchell Deighan [mitch.deighan@verizon.net]
Sent: Thursday, March 27, 2008 3:49 PM
To: Boyer, James N NAP
Subject: SugarHouse

Mr. Boyer,

After reading Casino-Free Philadelphia's newest call-to-arms (attached, below), I did feel the urge to write you. I served as president of Northern Liberties Neighbors Association during the time when word first spread that the Jack Frost Sugar Refinery site had been optioned in anticipation of gaming. This was in the early 1990's. As one of the neighborhood's most tenacious activists, I've fought for every quality of life necessary to bring Northern Liberties back from the near-dead and am of the opinion that the SugarHouse site is well-suited for its proposed uses. For quite some time, the site was the epitome of urban blight and yet it is a site with extraordinary site qualities. Philadelphia will do well by bringing many to that spot, and I urge you to grant permission for the developers to create a project which brings the public right to the water's edge! I eagerly anticipate the full-scale SugarHouse project.

R. Mitchell Deighan

Northern Liberties Neighbors Association President 1990-94

851 N. 5th Street, Philadelphia, Pa. 19123

<http://www.democracyguard.org/casinofreephila2/files/email/images/newcfplogo.jpg>

Concerned about SugarHouse's environmental impact? Ask for a Public Hearing.

Take action and ask for a public hearing about the environmental impacts of the proposed SugarHouse casino by sending an email to:

Mr. James Boyer, at: james.n.boyer@usace.army.mil
<mailto:james.n.boyer@usace.army.mil>

SugarHouse has applied to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for a Clean Water Act permit to fill in parts of the Delaware River. This raises many questions. Why can't SugarHouse build on the current land? How would the casino affect wildlife habitat? Would SugarHouse have any other environmental affects? One of the best ways to learn more about this - and to give your feedback to the Corps - is to ask the Corps to hold a public hearing.

The Corps doesn't have to hold a public hearing, but they probably will -- if enough people ask. You can email the Corps and explain why you want a public hearing. Some of you might be concerned about environmental impacts. Other might want the opportunity to learn more so that you can provide the Corps with your comments. If so, then please request a public hearing by emailing Mr. James Boyer, at: james.n.boyer@usace.army.mil <mailto:james.n.boyer@usace.army.mil> . Please be polite and respectful. We want to help

the Corps make good decisions.

Warmly,

Daniel, Jethro, Nico, Lily and the rest of Casino-Free Philadelphia

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Boyer, James N NAP

From: joevasl@aol.com
Sent: Thursday, March 27, 2008 5:08 PM
To: Boyer, James N NAP
Subject: Please Allow SugarHouse To Proceed Immediately

Dear Mr. Boyer,

I stand with the largest membership organization in Fishtown, to ask you to please allow the SugarHouse Casino project to begin.

There is a small but vocal group of activitist who have latched onto the "ANTI-CASINO" theme, and are preventing this facility to open. SugarHouse will improve the riverfront, provide jobs, income and ancillary development. Fishtown and Philadelphia need the revenue and benefits which this project can provide

Please allow Sugarhouse to proceed with it's work at once.

Rev. Joseph Varsanyi,
1307 E. Susquehanna Avenue
Philadelphia, PA 19125
(215)426-5258

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Boyer, James N NAP

From: Salvatore Finazzo [finazzo@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, April 02, 2008 2:12 PM
To: Boyer, James N NAP
Subject: Concerned citizen

Mr. Boyer,

Hello I am Sal Finazzo, a resident of fishtown living on Dunton Street just around the corner from the proposed Sugarhouse Casino site on Delaware Avenue. I am writing you this to ask you to not delay the permitting process for the Sugarhouse Project. As a long time resident of the area I can attest to the due diligence and community out reach that Sugarhouse has given to our community. A small, but vocal, minority is opposed to the site. These people have been heard and shouldn't be able to hold up the progress that will come to our area as a result of the economic benefits of having the Sugarhouse development move forward. Our city desperately needs all the benefits this development will bring. From river access on the site (which residents currently do not have) to increased police presence (which we need) to the jobs that will be create we need the development to move forward. Those opposed have had their say, but given the worsening economic conditions our neighborhood can wait no longer for progress. So, in conclusion please say no to anymore delays such as an unnecessary public hearing and approve the permit asap. Thank you for listen to one from the majority, albeit the less vocal and more respectful majority.

Warmest Regards,

Salvatore A. Finazzo

1114 E. Dunton St

Boyer, James N NAP

From: Cindy Hudicek [chudicek@amerimar.net]
Sent: Wednesday, April 02, 2008 2:22 PM
To: Boyer, James N NAP
Subject: Sugar House

James (Not sure of your title)

A public hearing is really NOT necessary and that the Army Corps should issue the permit and allow the SugarHouse project to proceed.

Please we are begging you to get rid of the eye sore that has been on Delaware Ave now for years.

Cindy

Cindy Hudicek

Facility Coordinator

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Boyer, James N NAP

From: usafmom1208@aol.com
Sent: Wednesday, April 02, 2008 2:23 PM
To: Boyer, James N NAP
Subject: Sugarhouse application

According to the latest news, I understand that the anti-casino groups are trying another delay tactic by having you hold a public hearing for the application that the Sugarhouse put in for a permit to build on the water. These groups are now scrapping on the bottom of the barrel. A public hearing is not necessary, the application should just be approved & allow the Sugarhouse to go on with the project of making our waterfront a beautiful location. I live in Fishtown & was born & raised there. I have seen many things happen & know of things that never got off the ground. I am 100% for the casino project. Let's not make this one of the things that never got off the ground and leave the waterfront decaying year after year. Thanks,

Janice Duffy
Fishtown, 19125

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Boyer, James N NAP

From: Katherine Rhoads [KRhoads@philapark.org]
Sent: Wednesday, April 02, 2008 2:43 PM
To: Boyer, James N NAP
Subject: Sugar House permit

Good afternoon,

Mr. Boyer

A public hearing is NOT necessary for Sugar House to get this application.

Did the rules change since SUGARHOUSE? ?
Since when do you allow any special interest groups to dictate to you on policy & procedures.
I asked you to Please do your best to get this application processed and completed as requested.

The Army Corps should issue this application as it would for any other project that has completed all due process as instructed, please don't allow any "special interest "group in their insane attempt to interfere with your process.

thank you.

Katherine M. Rhoads
Director, Procurement
Philadelphia Parking Authority
3101 Market Street
Philadelphia, Pa. 19104
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From: Leach, Kathryn [Kathryn.Leach@tuhs.temple.edu]
Sent: Wednesday, April 02, 2008 2:14 PM
To: Boyer, James N NAP
Subject: SugarHouse

Attachments: Boomerang.gif

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a public hearing is NOT necessary and that the Army Corps should issue the permit and allow the SugarHouse project to proceed.

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Boyer, James N NAP

From: Hoffman, Thomas [Thomas.Hoffman@uphs.upenn.edu]
Sent: Wednesday, April 02, 2008 3:11 PM
To: Boyer, James N NAP
Subject: Permit - Sugarhouse Casino

Mr. Boyer,
My name is Tom Hoffman and I live in the Port Richmond area of Philadelphia and am writing you to ask that you do not have public hearings regarding SugarHouse building on the waterfront.
Public hearings are simply the latest opportunity for the anti-casino lobby to have a chance to over-emphasize their numbers. The issues have been debated far too long and I believe the casinos should begin building for the good of the community and Philadelphia as a whole. The anti-casino lobby does not represent the majority of residents in Port Richmond and Fishtown; they are simply the more vocal side of this debate. I ask that you deny their request and move forward with this vital project.
Thank you for taking the time to read my email. I can be reached via email or 215.662.4477 if you would like me to explain my position further.
Regards,
Tom

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Pulmonary, Allergy & Critical Care
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Boyer, James N NAP

From: Kevin Shannon [ritmomente@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, April 02, 2008 3:32 PM
To: Boyer, James N NAP
Cc: fishtownaction@msn.com
Subject: Sugarhouse Casino

Mr. Boyer:

I am writing you to refute the need for a public hearing on the waterfront. This is just another delay tactic from the casiNO cartel to stop us from gaining access to the waterfront, much less build a casino. These are the same people who claimed that there were rare turtles nesting on this land and also claimed that there was a Revolutionary War fort on the site (the previous sugar refinery removed all presence of this).

This is a golden opportunity for our neighborhood to have a beautiful piece of property in a casino and unadulterated access to the waterfront. We are not interested in building more condos which will block us from the waterfront or any other alternative. The casino also will give a port of call in conjunction with the dredging of the riverbed.

The casiNO cartel could care less about any advancement in our neighborhood. Most of them are not even local. Please do not view their pleas as actual concern, but more boastings of an insulting, cruel, senseless, selfish, loud minority that only choose to disrupt our goals for a better neighborhood.

Sincerely,

Kevin A. Shannon
Fishtown Action

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Boyer, James N NAP

From: Patricia Wonderlin [pvw1937@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, April 02, 2008 6:08 PM
To: Boyer, James N NAP
Cc: Leigh Whitaker
Subject: SugarHouse Casino Permit

I live in Fishtown and cannot believe the problems that SugarHouse Casino has encountered from the anti-casino forces. A public hearing is not necessary and the Army Corps should issue the permit and alllow the SugarHouse project to proceed. Thank you for your assistance.

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Boyer, James N NAP

From: unionmatty@aol.com
Sent: Wednesday, April 02, 2008 6:23 PM
To: Boyer, James N NAP
Subject: No more public hearing for casinos.....

Mr. Boyer,

It is time for the casino's to be built, we don't need any more public hearings being utilized as additional stall tactics. I urge the Army Core of Engineers to move forward to approve the land for use in the construction of the Sugar House casino without any other public hearings. I thank you for your time and consideration. Best regards.

Matthew J. McIntyre

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Boyer, James N NAP

From: JamesTocydlowski@aol.com
Sent: Wednesday, April 02, 2008 7:16 PM
To: Boyer, James N NAP
Subject: Re Sugarhouse Casino

Dear Sir,

No public hearing is necessary for the Sugarhouse site, please issue them the permits necessary so we can have jobs in our community

James Tocydlowski

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Boyer, James N NAP

From: LKRKMK@aol.com
Sent: Wednesday, April 02, 2008 8:00 PM
To: Boyer, James N NAP
Subject: Sugarhouse Casino

Don't have any public hearings on Sugarhouse's request.
It is not necessary.
Issue the permit.
Let's get the neighbors to work at the casino.

Rich Kraus
2408 East Somerset St
Phila Pa 19134
215-739-2826
LKRKMK@AOL.COM

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Boyer, James N NAP

From: R. Mitchell Deighan [mitch.deighan@verizon.net]
Sent: Wednesday, April 02, 2008 10:08 PM
To: Boyer, James N NAP
Subject: SugarHouse

Mr. Boyer,

I wrote you previously (March 27th) regarding my support for the SugarHouse Casino's application for riparian rights. I hope you will allow development to proceed despite calls for "public hearings" from a politically-motivated minority. "Leaders" of the anti-casino forces have repeatedly endeavored to springboard themselves into elected office on the heels of their "casino free" mindset. The "public hearings" conducted by the anti-casino minority here in Northern Liberties have been a farce and a disgrace in the context of the mission statement and established procedures of the Northern Liberties Neighbors Association, under whose auspices the meetings I'm referring to were organized and convened. The fundamental presumption of these individuals is that "everyone opposes Philadelphia casinos along the river". This is a diametrically erroneous allegation and those who profess this falsehood have been allowed to prevent thousands of much-needed jobs and untold millions of dollars of desperately-needed public revenue and accessory investment.

R. Mitchell Deighan
Northern Liberties Neighbors Association President 1990-94
[illegible] N. 5th Street
[illegible]-970-0119

Boyer, James N NAP

From: gregsnan@aol.com
Sent: Wednesday, April 02, 2008 10:28 PM
To: Boyer, James N NAP
Subject: SUGARHOUSE CASINO

A HEARING IS NOT NECESSARY. IT IS JUST ANOTHER STALL TACTIC.WE NEED TO GO FORWARD.WE NEED THE JOBS

THANK YOU,ROSEANNE GIBSON

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Boyer, James N NAP

From: jkos1005@aol.com
Sent: Thursday, April 03, 2008 9:18 AM
To: Boyer, James N NAP
Subject: Casino Hearing NOT necessary.

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Boyer, James N NAP

From: kellilea1965@aol.com
Sent: Thursday, April 03, 2008 9:30 AM
To: Boyer, James N NAP
Subject: Sugarhouse Casino

Mr. Boyer,

A hearing is NOT necessary and the Army Corps should issue the permit and allow the SugarHouse project to proceed. This project has been held up long enough. Also, isn't amazing the groups calling for this hearing now, didn't care one bit before about what went on the Riverfront.

Thank you.
FACT Member of
Port Richmond

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Boyer, James N NAP

From: pmlcp@comcast.net
Sent: Thursday, April 03, 2008 10:01 AM
To: Boyer, James N NAP
Subject: Please don't

Please don't fall into the anti-Casino trap.
You do not need a hearing to do your job.
What right do they have to say you DO...

Thank you
Patricia Powell
1406 E. Susquehanna Ave.
Phila. Pa. 19125

Boyer, James N NAP

From: madallie143@aol.com
Sent: Thursday, April 03, 2008 1:35 PM
To: Boyer, James N NAP
Subject: Sugar House Casino

James. I am a residence of Fishtown for the past 23 yrs. I am fully handicapped and unable to work or hold a job.So as you guess I do not get out much. A little in the neighborhood at times. My son is in the national guard and I don't know from one day to another if he is going anywhere or not. WHEN I GET OUT I GO DOWN TO a.c.that is my enjoyment only out of Fishtown. We need the jobs and we need everything that goes along with this to make Philadelphia full of adventure instead of violence. Please help this to be approved. Thank you Barbara

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