

February 10, 2021

Dear PTSSD Board Members,

The Fishtown Neighbors Association strongly supports the efforts of our neighbors to secure the Crease Street Garden as a permanent public space in the neighborhood.

During the COVID-19 era, we've seen how the value of our local public spaces has been greatly revalued, with residents getting much more use out of our parks for recreation, and safer outdoor interactions. And as the neighborhood continues to attract more residents and homes, preserving well-cared-for public spaces like this one in perpetuity has become so important.

As a sign of our commitment to the success of the project, FNA's Beautification Committee Chair, Ellis Mair, recently joined the fundraising committee and board of the Crease Street Garden friends group in order to strengthen collaboration between our organizations, and lend more of our capacity and organizing support to help see the project through.

We are also very encouraged by the involvement of Neighborhood Gardens Trust in this effort, and are hopeful that this collaboration between independent resident groups, the Fishtown Neighbors Association, citywide organizations like NGT, and the Penn Treaty Special Services District can help lay a foundation for more successful public space campaigns in the neighborhood. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Jon Geeting
President, Fishtown Neighbors Association