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To: [Historic District Commission \(Staff\)](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Oppose DTE Indian Village Cement Curb Replacement
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Dear Historic Commission,

I am opposed to the use of cement replacement curbs in place of stone curbs within Indian Village. The stone curbs are very durable and unobtrusive; and historically accurate because they are historic.

As a comparison, I looked at the curbs at the intersection of Agnes and Seminole and at St. Paul and Seminole. The Agnes curbs are the original stone. The St. Paul curbs were installed in 2011. The St. Paul curbs have major cracks and chunks missing after 10 years and need maintenance. I know the DTE argument is that keeping the stone curbing is not cost effective, but if concrete curbs need replacement every 10 years, is it really more cost effective? And who will pay for the replacements every 10 years for the next 100 + years? Does the City of Detroit plan to hold DTE accountable for the curbs for 100 years?

I have a brick alley behind my home. It is my only access to my garage. The alley is maintained and is often used as a walkway for recreation as well as access to a dozen or so active garages that do have, and cannot have, driveways. If we use the argument of expense, we could loose this brick alley as well, but it would deprive the neighborhood of another historic asset.

Sincerely,

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