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Dear Historic District Commission,

I am a resident of Indian Village, a small business owner in Detroit, as well as a parent of two children who attend Detroit Waldorf School.

I believe the sketch shown above, that the school's art teacher has rendered, says it all. **The outdoor classroom structures, made of solid cedar wood, elegant, simple design and sound structure, are already a historical fixture in the Indian Village neighborhood.** They visually blend with the natural surroundings and the spirit that they invoke is timeless.

Waldorf is a school focused on developing children who are deeply connected to the natural world, as such these structures have become central to accomplishing our educational mission. The school takes great care in the maintenance of its exterior landscape, and has slowly transformed the former vacant lots on the east side of Burns into a beautiful enclave called Quietland. Though charming and beloved by our children, this is not a rigidly preserved historic landscape, nor is it either historically or currently a park-like setting, but instead is and will remain an active area for education, growth, and outdoor play.

I have walked past these structures many an evening over the past two years, enjoying the setting sun glinting through the slatted wood panels and find other residents doing the same. And to witness the daytime joy of the children learning in the structures always puts me in awe.

Please approve the Detroit Waldorf School Outdoor Classroom structures.

Respectfully,

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