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From: Tim Hinkle <tim@timhinkle.io>
Sent: Tuesday, July 11, 2023 6:39 PM
To: Historic District Commission (Staff)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Public Comment re: 477 W Alexandrine

Dear members of the Detroit Historic District Commission,

The addition of a surface parking lot on W Alexandrine in the Willis-Selden Historic District would do irreparable harm to the historic district. The lot would be squeezed between two existing historic buildings, so I would point out the following from p. 74 of the *The Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation & Illustrated Guidelines for Rehabilitating Historic Buildings*:

Not Recommended:

Placing parking facilities directly adjacent to historic buildings where automobiles may cause damage to the buildings or to important landscape features.

Please deny this request.

And as this request is, I believe, related to the new restaurant at Second and Alexandrine, it's worth keeping in mind: trendy restaurants come and go, but a parking lot is forever.

Respectfully and with gratitude for your public service,

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