

From: [Debbie Campbell](#)
To: [Historic District Commission \(Staff\)](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Detroit Thermal Application in Lafayette Park Historic District
Date: Monday, May 12, 2025 12:26:40 PM

Dear City of Detroit Historic District Commissioners:

I am writing to voice my strong opposition to the further devastation of our Lafayette Park Historic District neighborhood if Detroit Thermal is allowed to proceed with work to re-establish long defunct steam lines.

Detroit Thermal abandoned their buried lines decades ago and allowed them to decay. When Detroit Thermal began work seven months ago they described a minimally invasive plan to bring steam heat to our neighbors at 1300. Detroit Thermal was deceptive. They did not seek required review and permitting by the Historic District Commission and the project is the opposite of minimally invasive. On the contrary, the heavy machinery and digging will do irreparable harm to our historic property as evidenced by the crushed landscape and broken original concrete bench within their current unpermitted worksite.

If allowed to proceed, Detroit Thermal's proposed expanded worksite will irreparably choke out the very heart of our neighborhood. This 60 year old Alfred Caldwell designed masterpiece, which has been nurtured and treasured and has drawn international study, recognition and acclaim, once destroyed cannot simply be replaced.

I respectfully request that you please utilize your full power to protect the integrity of our historic neighborhood and Deny Detroit Thermal's application.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration.

Sincerely,
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