



Outlook

[EXTERNAL] Detroit Thermal - Lafayette Park Historical District Application

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To Historic District Commission (Staff) <hdc@detroitmi.gov>

Historic District Commission members,

I AM THE LORAX. I SPEAK FOR THE TREES.

I reside in one of the Mies van der Rohe co-op townhomes in the Lafayette Park Historic District neighborhood. I STRONGLY OPPOSE the project proposed by Detroit Thermal. My neighborhood is designated a National Historic Landmark, a designation which extends to both the buildings' architecture and the landscape. Detroit Thermal's plan will destroy numerous mature plantings which have been in place since the neighborhood's inception. Mature trees that are over 60 years old.

Further, Detroit Thermal has demonstrated a lack of respect and understanding of the impact their plan will have on our neighborhood. Our concerns are not frivolous.

Separately, I believe Detroit Thermal has also deceived our neighbors at 1300 Lafayette -- proposing to them what appeared to be a cost effective solution to their HVAC issues; and now Detroit Thermal are unable to deliver.

From the beginning of this proposed project, Detroit Thermal has not been transparent with regard to the scope of their plans. Net, net, I've zero confidence in any plan they may put forth.

I respectfully request that the Commission reject Detroit Thermal's application proposal. It is historically inappropriate.

Please preserve one of the city's preeminent historic places -- Lafayette Park.

Thank you.

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