



[EXTERNAL] Lafayette Park Historic District Application from Detroit Thermal

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

I am greatly concerned that the historic integrity of this neighborhood will be greatly threatened by moving forward with this project. I believe that 1400 deserves heat and there is a path forward that can maintain the historic integrity, landscape and safety of our neighborhood. Thank you, Nicole George 1321 Nicolet

Dear City of Detroit Historic District Commissioners,

I am a resident of the Lafayette Park Historic District in opposition to Detroit Thermal's application for a project that would oppose the proposed project because it would irreversibly damage our landscape, which is a central component of my neighborhood's historic designation.

The proposed project would generate a significant adverse impact on my neighborhood. Detroit Thermal acknowledges that the mature trees, shrubs, and planting beds that define our landscape. The most beloved portion of our historic landscape into a vibrant community garden. Mature trees, dozens of shrubs, countless flowers and raised beds make up our community garden. Detroit Thermal's plans to demolish the garden. Detroit Thermal's own plans identify 47 mature trees, shrubs, and raised beds in our community garden.

The plans submitted for this project by Detroit Thermal show no respect for my neighborhood's historic status. This lack of respect is evident in the work to date in my neighborhood. Despite promising to hold a public hearing on May 14th, Detroit Thermal developed and implemented the project without my input or from me or my neighborhood. Detroit Thermal has been in operation for nine months. During that time, it has cut down most of the mature trees, shrubs, and flowers, and damaged an original bench near the playground.

I am also concerned that the project could damage the historic character of the neighborhood, including by installing new steam vents and other infrastructure near our historic homes. I have no confidence that the impact statement will be helpful in the development of these plans.

I am asking that the Detroit Historic District Commission is not historically appropriate, to prevent it from irreparable damage to the Historic District.

Thank you kindly for your time and your commitment to preserving the city's historic places.

Sincerely,