
[EXTERNAL] Re: Voigt Park

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Pretty much a repeat of a previous letter that seems like it is a requisite against current city proposals.

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> On Nov 12, 2023, at 7:39 PM, Trevor Footitt <greyslate10@gmail.com> wrote:

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> You have heard how much Voigt Park in its present configuration means to the people who live on the park itself. Almost unanimously, they do not want it to change unless it is the addition of trees, specimens of the original and historic design. I think their voice is the overwhelmingly important one in this conversation. It certainly should be. They have chosen their homes because of the park and its nature. Instead they have been railroaded by the agenda of the current Boston-Edison Board of Directors, some of whom are doing their level best to block Voigt Park residents from being privy to any decisions about the park. For that entity to have the ear of City government is so wrong.

> I fear that the city has the same agenda for upgrading all parks, benches and bike racks being added regardless of the original intent and use of especially historic parks. Not all parks need to be recreational and/or geared to children's entertainment. Surely, surely you can see that. I fear that consequence of change is not being considered. I fear that decisions will be made by city officials who have no skin in the game, perhaps have never even seen the park.

> Whether you care to admit it or not, benches have multiple uses depending on your status in life and its requirements. Facilities installed will bring undesirable traffic and activity to an otherwise peaceful place. All you have to do is take a night time stroll on Woodward one block away.

I walk my dogs through the park most days and have no need of any path let alone a concrete abomination. And they certainly don't.

> Please leave Voigt Park as is to preserve its original and historic intent.

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> Thank you for your consideration.

> Sincerely

> Trevor Footitt

> 140 Edison

> Right behind the Henry Ford historic marker.

> Henry Ford and Mr. Voigt are probably rolling over in their graves.

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