
[EXTERNAL] Voigt Park Proposal

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

I am writing in regards to HDC Application 2025-00576 to be considered at the October 8, 2025 Historic District Commission meeting.

I appreciate that the Parks Department's proposal aims towards restoration of the historic landscape plan depicted on the 1928 map of Voigt Park. While I support the addition of walking paths, benches, and trash receptacles in the locations proposed, I am concerned about the partial funding / partial construction of the paths detailed in this application. It seems inappropriate to begin construction on hard landscaping / concrete features without funding available to complete the entire project, and without guarantee of future funding.

Additionally, broader community and resident engagement should have been conducted in the development of this plan. Prior to Voigt Park undergoing the City's strategic planning process, many residents would prefer interim funds be spent on maintaining existing landscaping features and replacing dead trees.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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