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Honorable Commissioners;

Wednesday April 14 you are hearing a proposal from DTE to destroy the historic stone curbs while they do gas line repairs. I am completely opposed to this proposal.

1. DTE's assertion that the curbs crumble is not true if the work is done with care. DTE is notorious for sloppy work in utility repairs, I am sure the curbs will crumble if they are ripped out with a backhoe!

2. The proposed replacement is a sad joke, that does not look anything like the originals. They are a different color, shape and form. In fact DTE hasn't bothered to propose the more expensive clear finished aggregate material that would be closer to the originals, since they only want to do the cheapest, sloppiest work possible.

3. DTE is already a code violator from prior work in Historic Districts. After DTE was formally notified that gas meters in front of homes were not authorized, they installed many such non compliant meters in the West Village HD, and have not corrected their violation. DTE should not be allowed to propose anything until past violations are corrected.

4. This proposal by DTE would not be allowed in the wealthy suburbs, but DTE thinks they can be a scofflaw in Detroit. Please tell DTE NO!!

Regular citizens of Detroit have to spend more and be more careful to do work that is compliant with the Secretary of Interior's standards. If "corporations are people too", DTE needs to be held to the same standards as the rest of us.

Thank you.

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