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To the Detroit Historic Commission,

As residents of the neighborhood currently known as Indian Village, we purchased our home on Seminole St in large part because of the historic character of the homes and the neighborhood more broadly. There's a reason that routes like the marathon and the Tour de Troit show off this area, why so bikers, runners, walkers, and sightseers come to visit our streets. That privilege comes with responsibility – as Kristen Keen noted in her letter, as residents of a historic neighborhood we are required to maintain the historic nature of these neighborhoods for future Detroit residents. This means using specific providers, making only approved changes, and generally being cognizant of how any changes we make affect the aesthetics and long-term future of the neighborhood. Private companies (specifically DTE) should be held to the same standard. As to their concern about “placing excessive burden on DTE Gas rate payers”, DTE Energy reported earnings of \$1.4B in 2020 – we see no reason to change the rules and sacrifice the quality of our historic neighborhoods to line their pockets further.

Thank you for your consideration.

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NOTE: The “finding” from Dubuque about replacing originals with versions that “simulate the original” is not relevant here. Even if it looks “similar” at installation, cement degrades far more quickly and will quickly look broken and shoddy compared to the current curbs, which have stood the test of time.

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