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Historic District Commission –

As a board member of Detroit Waldorf School, I would like to vehemently express my support for the approval of the outdoor shelters/classrooms that were professionally built with high-quality materials by parent volunteers at the height of the pandemic as a solution for students to return to school.

In line with the Historic District’s guidelines, not a single tree or shrub was affected by the work, view corridors were carefully preserved, as Detroit Waldorf School is one of the only Albert Kahn-designed schools left in the country. Originally, built as the Liggett School in 1913 before being acquired by Detroit Waldorf School in 1966, the building has been painstakingly maintained to preserve its historic heritage.

With the addition of the shelters, the school has been better able to serve the community through outdoor experiential learning classes, theatrical festivals, day camps, scouting groups, the Indian Village garden tours, art shows, and other events that have helped the school become more of a gem to the Indian Village community. In addition, the PK-8 children of Detroit Waldorf School have greatly benefited from broadening their classrooms, and bringing the laughter of children to accompany the other sounds of nature in the Indian Village community.

Included is a [link](#) to a short video story of when the classes were first built. Please feel free to contact me for further information.

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