

[EXTERNAL] Historic Preservation of Voigt Park

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Historic Landscape Report Voigt Park 2023.docx;

To: Dara O'Byrne, Director, Parks Planning

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Greetings Dara,

The Voigt Park Neighborhood Block Club is pleased to submit to the Parks Department the enclosed Historic Landscape Report on Voigt Park as a contribution to the conversation about planning for Voigt Park.

The Historic Landscape Report follows the format in the Secretary of the Interior National Park Service Preservation Brief Number 35, "Protecting Cultural Landscapes" and the associated "Guidelines for Rehabilitating Historic Landscapes." The "Guidelines" apply the Secretary of the Interior's "Standards for Rehabilitation" to the historic preservation of landscapes.

The Treatment Plan proposed in the Historic Landscape Report follows the "Guidelines" with the intention to rehabilitate and reconstruct Voigt Park as it was in the period of historic significance for the Boston-Edison Historic District (1900-30), as recognized in the National Register of Historic Places.

The Historic Boston-Edison Association in 2022 submitted a proposed Plan for Voigt Park. The Treatment Plan in the Historic Landscape Report is consistent with the major features of that Plan. The Voigt Park Neighborhood Block Club previously sent the Parks Department its endorsement of that 2022 Plan as consistent with our Vision for Voigt Park.

When the Parks Department initiates the community engagement process for the planning of Voigt Park, as in the "Parks and Recreation Strategic Plan 2022-2032," VPNBC looks forward to participating actively as an advocate for the historic preservation of the park.

Respectfully submitted,

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