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From: Liza Robertson <olizaloo2@gmail.com>
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To: Historic District Commission (Staff)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Voigt Park Hearing December 13, 2023 Comment

Dear HDC Committee Members,

As a resident and member of the VPNBC, I support the benches recommendation as described in the HBEA Voigt Park Recommendations.

I am opposed to the current plan to place benches in the corners of the park. Benches should be along the historic pathway in the interior of the park so that users can enjoy sitting within the park, not at the entrance. Benches should not be directly adjacent to neighbors homes. In order to encourage their use in accordance with City of Detroit park rules and regulations, benches should be well lit at night by the existing lighting infrastructure in the park. Benches should not be placed in any area that experiences flooding and the design should meet Historic District Commission standards.

Before further consideration of this donation proposal, I request that you or members of the parks and recreation team meet with residents and block club members to discuss our concerns. I also urge you and your staff to follow the recommendations that were collectively and thoughtfully created by many residents after several rounds of discussion, surveys, and careful consideration.

Regards,
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