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From: Francis Grunow <francisgrunow@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 7, 2024 2:05 PM
To: Historic District Commission (Staff)
Cc: Detroiters for Parking Reform
Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: 477 W Alexandrine

Dear Detroit Historic Commission -

I am writing on behalf of Detroiters for Parking Reform in reference to the above noticed hearing.

We realize that while your purview is not about determining the need for parking in a district, [it has been reported that parking is what is ostensibly driving this particular application](#). In the history of Detroit, Midtown has never had more parking than it does now. The issue, if there is one, is about district-wide parking management, which is a broader policy discussion.

Again, the perceived need for parking at a particular parcel *outside* the Willis-Selden District should not put undue burden on 477 W. Alexandrine to become anything less than an appropriate complimentary use that contributes to the Willis-Selden District. A salvageable historic structure was lost here; parking should not dictate 477 W. Alexandrine's future design.

If parking is included in a suitable future design, it should not lead the discussion now.

Sincerely,

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