

LANDMARK WEST!

THE COMMITTEE TO PRESERVE THE UPPER WEST SIDE

October 2, 2007

Hon. Robert B. Tierney, Chair
New York City Landmarks Preservation Commission
1 Centre Street, 9th Floor
New York, New York 10007

RE: West-Park Presbyterian Church, Amsterdam Avenue and West 86th Street, Manhattan

Dear Chair Tierney:

LANDMARK WEST! joins neighbors and architecture lovers throughout the city in urging you to schedule a public hearing on West-Park Presbyterian Church.

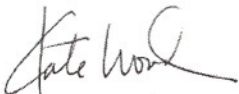
As architectural historian and preservationist Andrew S. Dolkart stated in 2003:

“The West-Park Presbyterian Church is unquestionably one of the most beautiful religious structures on the Upper West Side. The bold massing of this Romanesque Revival style building, the soaring tower anchoring the corner of Amsterdam Avenue and West 86th Street, and the extraordinary deep red sandstone cladding combine to create a building of singular power.”

Enclosed please find a letter, dated March 14, 2003, from LW! to the Landmarks Commission, plus other correspondence about this church building. LW! has advocated for the protection of West-Park since 1985, when we placed the site on our first Landmark Designation Wish List. Enclosed is our 2007 Wish List, again including West-Park Presbyterian Church. The Commission has received numerous letters from members of the community and architectural experts, calling for a public hearing and landmark designation.

Please consider the community support for preserving this outstanding and rare surviving example of 19th-century, Richardsonian Romanesque church architecture on the Upper West Side. Please schedule a public hearing as soon as possible.

Sincerely,



Kate Wood
Executive Director

Enclosures

cc. Hon. Michael Bloomberg
Hon. Christine Quinn
Hon. Scott Stringer
Hon. Jerrold Nadler
Hon. Eric Schneiderman
Hon. Linda Rosenthal
Hon. Jessica Lappin
Hon. Gale Brewer
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