

Hearing Date: 10/24/2006
LPC Docket Number: 066746
Manhattan, Block: 1185, Lot: 42

37 Riverside Drive - West End Collegiate Historic District

A neo-Renaissance style apartment building designed by Schwartz & Gross and built in 1924. Application is to construct a rooftop addition.

HDC Testimony

This application takes a bad thing, the visible rooftop addition, and makes it worse by making it even larger and more obvious. The penthouse should not step up and out, particularly on the park side. The overhangs create dark shadows, making the penthouse more visible from the street. Also, what was once a clear distinction between the water tower and the cornice would be muddled by this proposal. The Public Review Committee urges the Commission to reject this application.

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320 West 78th Street - West End Collegiate Historic District

A Renaissance Revival style rowhouse designed by George F. Pelham and built in 1894-95. Application is to alter the front and rear facades and install rooftop railings.

HDC Testimony

The Public Review Committee is comfortable with the proposed alterations to the front façade and the new rooftop railing. The proposal for the rear façade, however, feels too transparent. There is far too much glazing for this alteration to have a place on this Renaissance Revival style rowhouse or in this historic district. We recommend the Commission return this part of the application to the drawing board.

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