

Hearing Date: 10/31/2006
LPC Docket Number: 066776
Manhattan, Block: 1218, Lot: 29,32,33,34
101 West 87th Street - Upper West Side/Central Park West Historic District
(aka 560-568 Columbus Avenue) A Modern style apartment building designed by Judith Edelman
and built in 1984-87. Application is to construct rooftop and rear additions.

HDC Testimony

The Public Review Committee approves of the proposed rooftop addition on the taller part of the building. In fact, we think it gives the building a finished feeling. The shorter part of the building however was designed to be the same height as the lovely brownstones of West 87th Street, and a rooftop addition that would break this line should not be built.

For similar reasons we object to the massive rear addition. It will block a significant amount of light from entering the well-preserved, neighboring garden core and loom over the brownstones of West 87th Street, a fine row specifically mentioned in the AIA guide. Such massive amounts of bulk should never be pushed to side streets that call for a much smaller scale, and we urge the commission to reject this part of the application.

Hearing Date: 10/31/2006
LPC Docket Number: 070224
Manhattan, Block: 1218, Lot: 269
119 West 87th Street - Upper West Side/Central Park West Historic District
A neo-Grec style rowhouse designed by Increase M. Grenell and constructed in 1884. Application is
to construct rooftop and rear additions.

HDC Testimony

The public review committee objects to this application for rooftop and rear yard additions. The proposed rooftop addition is too visible and should be brought back and lowered some. The rear yard addition is very similar to the rear façade alteration proposed in item 17, and we have the same concerns about the amount of glazing. We are also opposed to the plan as it would change the top floor fenestration and intrude upon the block's well preserved garden core.

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