

Hearing Date: 2/21/2006
LPC Docket Number: 061588
Manhattan, Block: 1195, Lot: 18

15 West 81st Street - Upper West Side/Central Park West Historic District

A neo-Renaissance style apartment building designed by Emery Roth and built in 1929-30. Application is to modify a rooftop addition built in non compliance with Certificate of No Effect 98-1929.

HDC Testimony

The Historic Districts Council does not support this application. HDC's Review Committee believes that this alteration would make an already inappropriate condition worse. The proposed large-scale roof would be highly visible and call more attention to the addition. HDC recommends removing the top story and proposing a flat or hipped roof in order to reduce the bulk and visibility.

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LPC Docket Number: 062876
Manhattan, Block: 1129, Lot: 29

170 Central Park West - Individual Landmark Historic District

A Roman Eclectic style museum and library built in 1903-08 designed by York and Sawyer, enlarged in 1937-38 by Walker and Gillette. Application is to install flagpoles and banners.

HDC Testimony

While we sympathize with the Historical Society's need to advertise, we cannot support these banners as permanent additions to the façade of the building. HDC's Review Committee found that these banners detract from the unique detailing of this museum building. In particular, the Committee objected to their placement in the center of the windows, and to the fact that they are the same size as the columns between which they are located, and therefore compete with them. Additionally, they felt that there were too many banners, and that so many were unnecessary as some of the banners repeat the same information.

The Committee recommended that the Historical Society consider installing banners, set flat to the building, on the Northeast and Southeast limestone piers, which they felt would be much less intrusive and overwhelming on this individual landmark.

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Manhattan, Block: 1143, Lot: 40

120-122 West 72nd Street - West End Collegiate Historic District

A one-story commercial building originally designed by Scacchetti and Siegel and built in 1937 with later alterations. Application is to demolish the existing building and construct a new 16-story building.

HDC Testimony

The Historic Districts Council supports this application for a new building at 120-122 West 72nd Street. HDC's Review Committee was particularly impressed with the attention that has been given to the detail and materials of this design. This design provides a variety of parts that relate well to each other, and overall we believe this design will fit in well in this historic neighborhood, while still being of its time.

The Committee's only concern was regarding the proposed height of the building, and would prefer that it be shortened to line up with its two immediate neighbors, which we believe would only increase this building's appropriateness. Aside from this one reservation, we recommend approval of this application.

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