

Hearing Date: 6/28/2005
LPC Docket Number: 055696
Manhattan, Block: 1142, Lot: 120

131 West 70th Street - Upper West Side/Central Park West Historic District

A Queen Anne style rowhouse with neo-Grec style elements designed by Thom & Wilson and built c. 1884-86. Application is to construct rear yard and rooftop additions and to construct a new stoop.

HDC Testimony

While this rear yard addition may not be visible from the public way, it rises to the full height of the building and thereby obliterates all the historic features of an entire façade. We ask the Commission to deny this portion of application and to require that applicant design an addition more sympathetic to this district, one that does not destroy so much historic fabric.

In general, HDC approves of the reconstruction of historic stoops. We were unable to determine the original configuration of the historic stoop at 131 West 70th Street, and therefore urge the Commission to ensure that this is the appropriate design for this stoop.

And finally, we do not object to the rooftop addition, as it appears to be minimally visible.

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LPC Docket Number: 056892
Manhattan, Block: 1185, Lot: 90

330 West 77th Street - West End Collegiate Historic District

A Renaissance Revival style rowhouse designed by Charles T. Mott and built in 1891-92. Application is to construct rear yard and rooftop additions.

HDC Testimony

As we stated in our testimony regarding the last application on West 70th Street, HDC objects to rear yard additions that destroy entire rear walls and their historic fabric, and therefore cannot support the construction of this addition. In this case, we are losing arched windows and original brickwork. We respectfully urge the Commission to deny this part of the application.

We do not object to the rooftop addition, as it appears to be minimally visible.

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