

Hearing Date: 9/21/2004

LPC Docket Number: 047245

Manhattan, Block: 1234, Lot: 19

201-225 West 86th Street - Individual Landmark Historic District

An Italian Renaissance style apartment building, designed by Hiss and Weekes and built in 1908-09.

Application to install rooftop HVAC equipment.

HDC Testimony

The Belnord has a singularly distinctive roofline. The impact of this HVAC equipment on this individual landmark would be detrimental and distracting to this feature, and must be lessened. Ideally, we would like to see a geo-thermal cooling system in place of this highly visible equipment. At the very least, these new units should be placed horizontally in order to make them less visible. Additionally, we recommend that they are set back further towards the garden core and enclosed in housing to further reduce visibility. We urge the Commission to deny this application and request that the applicant work with staff in order to develop a more appropriate solution for this individual landmark.

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