



THE COMMITTEE TO PRESERVE THE UPPER WESTSIDE

**Landmarks Preservation Commission Public Hearing  
On Proposed Designation of  
The Manhattan Avenue Historic District  
March 13, 2007**

LANDMARK WEST! is a not-for-profit community organization committed to the preservation of the architectural heritage of the Upper West Side.

We enthusiastically support the designation of the Manhattan Avenue Historic District.

The section of Manhattan Avenue between 104<sup>th</sup> and 106<sup>th</sup> streets has been on Landmark West's designation "Wish List" for over 20 years. Listening to the outpouring of neighborhood support at the January 24 Community Board 7/Landmarks Preservation Commission meeting was truly heartwarming. Homeowners clearly know what they have—a remarkable and still-vibrant vestige of late 19<sup>th</sup>-century New York.

Not only are the rowhouses that make up these blocks architecturally significant; together they form a unique enclave, sensorially removed from the hustle-bustle of urban life, that literally transports one from the present to the past. Passing through, one can't help but revel in the warm colors of the red brick and terra cotta, the intricacy of the ironwork and the whimsy of the façade carvings.

The Landmarks Preservation Commission's write-up on the proposed district states the following: "Modestly scaled and architecturally cohesive, this late nineteenth-century residential enclave is a handsome reminder of the origins of the Upper West Side."

This neighborhood is a keeper. Please vote to support the Manhattan Avenue Historic District.