

**Testimony of LANDMARK WEST!
Certificate of Appropriateness Committee
Before the Landmarks Preservation Commission
Regarding 169 West 87th Street
April 27, 2004**

LANDMARK WEST! is a non-profit community organization committed to the preservation of the architectural heritage of the Upper West Side.

The Certificate of Appropriateness Committee wishes to comment on the application to install a barrier-free access lift and a fence at the areaway.

This rowhouse appears to be in excellent condition and any changes made to accommodate an access ramp should be reversible, in which case, the Committee can support this application but with modifications. Specifically, we ask that the applicant reuse the current gate as it is more appropriate to the block than the proposed gate. If access is an issue, the gate can be modified to open on the opposite side. There was no mention of the fate of the bluestone in the areaway and the Committee does not want to see this material damaged or destroyed. We appreciate the difficulty in making a rowhouse accessible and this proposal is a very modest intervention and appropriate for the building.

**Testimony of LANDMARK WEST!
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Before the Landmarks Preservation Commission
Regarding 169 West 78th Street
April 27, 2004**

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The Certificate of Appropriateness Committee wishes to comment on the application to legalize the replacement of ironwork and the repainting of the façade without Landmarks Preservation Commission permits.

The Committee feels this is an excellent opportunity to do right by this building, to clean off the paint that was applied illegally and restore the original rusticated stone and brick façade to its original unpainted condition.

According to the applicant, the gate and railing are off-the-shelf and bear no relation to the original metalwork. We urge the Commission to work with the applicant to find and install a new railing and gate that matches as closely as possible the metalwork that was removed without LPC permits.

**Testimony of LANDMARK WEST!
Certificate of Appropriateness Committee
Before the Landmarks Preservation Commission
Regarding West 84th Street
April 27, 2004**

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The Certificate of Appropriateness Committee wishes to comment on the application is to legalize the installation of a canopy without Landmarks Preservation Commission permits.

We recognize the difficulty of attracting customers to a side-street location but the bulk and profile of this canopy detract from the storefront architecture. The canopy is a tempting advertising vehicle as it extends the commercial space out from the façade and into the public space of the sidewalk. This would assuredly entice others on the block to install their own canopies. A retractable awning over the entranceway or a small projecting sign would be a much preferable and less obtrusive way to identify the restaurant entrance in a manner appropriate to this residential and midblock location.