

**Testimony of LANDMARK WEST!
Certificate of Appropriateness Committee
Before the Landmarks Preservation Commission
Regarding 339 West 71st Street
October 26, 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 construct a roof-top and rear yard additions.

The West 71st Street Historic District, as called out in the designation report, “achieves its special quality from a number of factors including ” the secluded nature of this block-long historic district, the fact that it was developed over the course of three years giving the block uniformity, and that “alterations to the exteriors of the houses have been minimal.”

The Committee finds that the proposed rooftop and rear yard additions will not disrupt the stately elegance that has been maintained on West 71st Street. The rooftop addition is recessed sufficiently from the front of the façade, making it invisible from the street, and it is of modest proportions so that its impact on the rear yard is minimal. The rear yard addition does not come out any farther into the doughnut of open space than the neighboring building’s rear yard and so will have a minimal impact on the historic footprint and amount of air and light at the rear of these row houses.

**Testimony of LANDMARK WEST!
Certificate of Appropriateness Committee
Before the Landmarks Preservation Commission
Regarding 433 Amsterdam Avenue
October 26, 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 bracket sign and lights and to legalize the installation of an illuminated sign without Landmarks Preservation Commission permits.

This illegally installed sign, had it gone through the Landmarks Commission first, may have avoided the problems created by the poorly thought out installation, conduit and wiring. The sign rests on an awkward protruding bar much longer than the length of the restaurant name and wires and lighting snake down to the sign and the front of the building in a haphazard arrangement.

Compared to the majority of storefronts on Amsterdam Avenue, this is still one of the nicest looking and has the least impact on the architecture of the building. We hope that the applicant will remedy the problems caused by the illegal installation of their sign and continue to set an example for their neighbors by minimizing the appearance of electrical work and lighting and by not introducing new and unnecessary signage.