

Testimony of LANDMARK WEST!
Certificate of Appropriateness Committee
Before the Landmarks Preservation Commission
Regarding 20 West 71st Street
December 14, 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 rooftop addition.

The proposed rooftop addition should not be approved as designed. This rooftop addition would be a bulky solid mass at the front and top of what is one of a grouping of intact and elegant rowhouses. Rooftop additions should be minimally visible from the street and should declare themselves for what they are by using typical rooftop materials such as glass and copper. The materials and fenestration presented here are inappropriate for the building and the historic district. The addition must be scaled down, set back further on the building and rethought in terms of materials and design.