

**Testimony of LANDMARK WEST!
Certificate of Appropriateness Committee
Before the Landmarks Preservation Commission
475 Amsterdam Avenue
Tuesday, September 13, 2005**

LANDMARK WEST! is a not for 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 painted wall sign.

The Committee recalls having recommended approval of similar painted wall signs on other secondary facades of this building. Therefore, we do not object to the one currently proposed. Painted signs on secondary façades of commercial buildings have a historical precedent and can add character to a neighborhood.

We would recommend, however, that the sign be placed lower down on the building's façade to match the placement of the sign on the opposite façade and avoid interrupting the string course. We also urge the applicant to use the mellower color scheme used for existing signs (brown and yellow) versus the proposed, too-striking black and white.

**Testimony of LANDMARK WEST!
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Before the Landmarks Preservation Commission
323 West 88th Street
Tuesday, September 13, 2005**

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The Certificate of Appropriateness Committee wishes to comment on the application to construct a rear yard addition.

The Committee does not object to the proposed reconfiguration of the existing L-shaped addition. The new addition would cover the full width of the rear façade, but would less extend deeply into the rear yard, thus not interfering with the amount of open space in the interior “doughnut” of this block. Furthermore, the trapezoidal footprint of the proposed new addition would maximize light and air to the adjacent rowhouses. Finally, the materials and fenestration would approximate the historical pattern found on the traditional rowhouse rear façades.

**Testimony of LANDMARK WEST!
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Before the Landmarks Preservation Commission
2112 Broadway (former) Central Savings Bank
Tuesday, September 13, 2005**

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The Certificate of Appropriateness Committee wishes to comment on the application to modify the West 74th Street entrance of this Individual Landmark.

We would like to commend the applicant for taking the initiative to restore the exquisite ironwork doors designed by master craftsman Samuel Yellin for this 1928 bank building by York and Sawyer. In particular, the removal of existing waist-high plates to reveal the full length of the doors will greatly enhance the appearance of 74th Street façade.

However, our Committee does not feel that the proposed glass door and wall would be an appropriate complement to these majestic iron doors. The renderings supplied to our Committee downplayed the juxtaposition of new and old, but even the best-designed glass enclosure would not be totally invisible. Questions then arise – for example, is this a fire exit and would the door need to be outfitted with panic hardware, interfering with its transparency? Must the vestibule be enclosed at all?

The Committee feels that every effort should be made to keep the historic iron doors operable, rather than settling on a solution that would force them to become fixed in place, one open and one closed so that one loses the opportunity of ever seeing them positioned side by side.

If the vestibule must be enclosed, could one or both of the doors be mechanized to open and close with ease? Given the tremendous significance of Yellin's metalwork, such a question is definitely well worth exploring.

**Testimony of LANDMARK WEST!
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Before the Landmarks Preservation Commission
119 West 82nd Street
Tuesday, September 13, 2005**

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The Certificate of Appropriateness Committee wishes to comment on the application to construct a rooftop addition.

It is our Committee's understanding that the proposed rooftop addition would only be minimally visible from the street and would be partially obscured by chimneys that would be raised from their current elevation. We would recommend that the raised chimneys be refabricated from terra cotta, the material used for the existing stacks, rather than being replaced using black metal.

However, our Committee did not feel it had enough information to evaluate this proposal fully. For instance, the plans made available to our Committee and at the LPC review session did not show the rear façade in context; therefore, it was unclear how the rooftop addition would relate existing rooftop additions on adjacent buildings and what the collective impact on the rear yard would be. Absent such information, we cannot recommend approval of the proposed addition.