



THE COMMITTEE TO PRESERVE THE UPPER WEST SIDE

**Testimony of LANDMARK WEST!  
Certificate of Appropriateness Committee  
Before the Landmarks Preservation Commission  
122 West 69th Street  
September 13, 2016**

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 alter the landscape, and install gates and signage at 122 West 69th Street, a Gothic Revival style church building with Romanesque Revival style elements designed by William Horatio Day and built in 1880 which is part of the Upper West Side/Central Park West Historic District.

The LANDMARK WEST! Certificate of Appropriateness Committee welcomes the proposed changes to this landmark and to our historic district. We believe the paths, plantings, paving and proposed seating are all enrichments to a cherished, serendipitous park.

We hesitate to curb our enthusiasm, but our one comment involves the signage. While placement, and mounting method seem fine, the detailing appears too exuberant, in a Victorian-era meets patio furniture kind of way.

Our Committee suggests following the quixotic Arts and Crafts cues of the railing with its geometric flowers with squiggle legs for the treatment of the signage frame.

Thank you for your time.