



THE COMMITTEE TO PRESERVE THE UPPER WEST SIDE

**Testimony of LANDMARK WEST!  
Certificate of Appropriateness Committee  
Before the Landmarks Preservation Commission  
420 Amsterdam Avenue  
October 11, 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 install storefront infill at 420 Amsterdam Avenue, a Beaux-Arts style apartment building designed by Henry F. Cook and built in 1898 that is part of the Upper West Side/Central Park West Historic District.

The LANDMARK WEST! Certificate of Appropriateness Committee sees nothing wrong with the existing storefront- one that builds off of pre-existing building datum lines within the rusticated base for location of both suggested transom and sill.

While collectively we have nothing against the spirit of the changes proposed, our Committee would prefer that something--anything relate to its context. Neither lighting band, sign band, bi-fold windows nor sill align to any of the (many) given benchmarks of the predominantly horizontal defining features of the surrounding masonry.

Minor adjustments of mere inches: raising the sill on the avenue, and lowering the header to align with existing feature and components of the landmark would be far more appropriate.

The Committee otherwise supports this application.

Thank you for your time.