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Transportation, Historic Preservation, and Landmarks Committee

Monday, April 16, 2018 – 6:30 p.m.

Hon. Raquel Vazquez, Chair
Hon. Lisa Downing & Hon. Maurice Sessoms, Vice-Chairs

In attendance: Raquel Vazquez, Maurice Sessoms, Keith Taylor, Troy Gethers
Board Members in Attendance: John Lynch, Stanley Gleaton, Cheryl Smith
Excused Absence: Crystal Shipp, Lisa Downing, Karen Horry
Unexcused Absence: Aarian Punter, Daniel Clark, Derrick Graham, Seitu Jewel Hart

MEETING MINUTES

- 1. Welcome/Introductions**
- 2. Discussion Items:**

LPC:

A) AO + Associates Inc., 101 West 123rd Street, New York, NY 10027 (Ephesus Church)

- Ephesus Church plans to install a translucent electronic LED sign in front of its structure. The sign will serve to announce upcoming events at the church. The sign will be standalone (it will not lean against the structure). The proposed sign will be 6 feet high and 3 feet wide and will run 24 hours each day. The existing sign will have to be removed since it is currently in violation of policies from the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO).
- The architect has two proposals – one is more contemporary and the other is less modern. SHPO appears to support the more modern proposal since it appears to be less intrusive and contrasts less with the historic building.
- Michael Henry Adams noted that the church did the best job at historic preservation through private fundraising.
- Valerie Bradley's suggestion: The community board should create parameters related to signage at churches/faith based institutions.
- The church submitted the proposal to the 123rd Street block association.

- Next steps: The church needs to submit the proposal to MMPCIA and obtain a letter of support. Upon receipt of the letter of support from MMPCIA, the committee supports the application to proceed to Executive Committee.

B) Andrew L. Petite Architect, 128 West 119th Street, New York, NY 10026

- The property owner wants to install three flat, cheap, low-quality windows where bay windows should be placed in this brownstone property.
- The property representatives said that it would be costly to pay for bay windows and proposed the cheaper windows.
- Twenty residents from the block and the community came to the meeting in opposition to the window installation.
- The block association and MMPCIA issued letters against the window installation.
- The property owner reached out to one manufacturer and claims that installing the more appropriate windows are cost prohibitive. The board/district office could assist with the researching other manufacturers potentially. The property owner should speak with the Landmarks Conservancy and Historic Districts Council potentially for financing options.
- The Committee is opposed to the installation of the proposed windows. We should issue a letter to LPC indicating our position.

C) Amoia Cody Architecture, 125 West 120th Street, New York, NY 10027

- The building was collapsing on the inside – when did it collapse?
- The architect presented a proposed rear two-story addition and one-story penthouse (330 SF) addition to the roof. The penthouse was not visible from the street. The building is three stories high. 225 SF of proposed shared recreational space.
- Although a letter of support was issued from the block association president, several residents of the block were unaware of this proposed work and did not see the notices that the owners were supposed to have posted along the block. MMPCIA did not know about the application.
- The owner has been in contact with LPC regarding this proposal.
- Next steps:
 - The property representatives should meet with the block association and make a presentation.
 - The property representatives have agreed to send colored visuals of the materials and the rendering.
 - The property representatives must inform MMPCIA of the proposal and obtain a letter of support.
 - The application must come back to committee next month.

D) LPC Amendments

- The public comment period ends on May 8th – draft a resolution to present to Executive Committee for a full board vote at the May general board meeting.

DOT:

A) Cthree Architecture + Design, P.C., 2040 Frederick Douglass Blvd., New York, NY 10026

- This architectural firm presented proposed lighting to surround the new condo development at West 110th Street and Frederick Douglass Boulevard.
- The proposal includes lights to be installed in front of the tree pits. There are currently nine tree pits. 27 LED yellow lights are proposed; each light is 25 watts, 200 lumen. No lighting proposed for 111th Street
- The Parks Dept. approved the planting of cherry blossoms.
- It will take one week to finish the job.
- The Committee supports this proposed work and the architect requested that we submit a letter of support to DOT.

B) Proposed DOT Speed Bumps

- 1) Proposed speed bump on Bradhurst between 150th and 155th Streets
 - Why can't there be more than one speed bump? There should be at least two speed bumps installed in this area since the PAL, Boys and Girls Club, and the Little League are active in the vicinity.
 - We should do a community survey and recommend a walkthrough of this corridor with DOT. We would like to suggest two speed bumps in this section of Bradhurst.
- 2) Proposed speed bump on 118th Street between Manhattan Ave. and 8th Avenue
 - At the location of JCC
 - West 119th between Manhattan Avenue & Morningside Avenue should also have speed bumps. Submit this suggestion to DOT.
 - Recommendation for additional speed bumps from a community member: 111th Street between Lenox and ACP, and ACP and 8th Ave. 111th between Lenox and 5th Avenue? Submit these suggestions to DOT.
 - Any area adjacent to a school in Harlem should get speed bumps.
 - Suggest the implementation of 20 MPH zones?

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- LPC Hearing re. the 130th-132nd Street Proposed Historic District: April 17th
- Street co-naming ceremony for Dabney Montgomery: April 21st
- Public hearing 2nd Avenue MTA Station Phase 2: April 30th
- Jane's Walk – May 5th & 6th

3. New Business

- Traffic Safety
 - Traffic deaths – two so far this year in our neighborhood.
 - Push for safety – West 113th and 7th Ave – hit and run
 - CB 10’s Transportation & Landmarks Committee is aiming to plan a Bike safety event with DOT ->maybe we can expand this to transit safety in general. Street safety.
 - Reported – app to report violations by TLC license plates
- Curb Cut Proposal
 - 129th Street between ACP and 8th avenue. We should have a curb cut in the middle. DOT said it’s not a commercial street, so they did not approve it. Does he have a letter from DOT? We need lower curb cuts. In the middle of the development and not the corners. St. Nicholas Houses. Streets and should be cleared with snow.
- Citi Bike stations
 - Someone suggested that there are too many. Inconvenient placement. 115th and 7th Avenue docking station.
- Potholes:
 - Frederick Douglass Avenue between 128th and 129th Street – potholes on the sidewalks. DOT just placed a Citi Bike docking station there which covers a major pothole. Our committee will investigate with DOT.
- Accessibility of Subways in CB10
 - Where are the accessible MTA train stations located citywide in CB10? We should ask MTA for a map and inquire re. which stations should be prioritized for handicap accessibility.

4. Adjournment

Minutes prepared by Raquel Vazquez.