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Historic Preservations and Landmarks Committee Monthly Report June 21, 2016

The monthly meeting for the Historic Preservation and Landmarks Committee took place on Tuesday, June 21, 2016. The meeting was convened at 6:10 pm and ended at 6:40pm. Members present were C. Knox LaSister, Chair, Dr. Keith Taylor, Raquel Vazquez and Lisa Downing; excused members included Danni Tyson, Daniel Clark and Henrietta Lyle.

There were no presentations at the June meeting. There was discussion regarding the four (4) presentation made during the May 2016 meeting with respect to the Applicant's demonstrating outreach to neighboring property owners and community groups, and support from neighbors for their projects as requested of them subsequent to their presentations at the May 2016 meeting. All of the Applicants demonstrated outreach to neighboring property owners and community groups. Three (3) of the four (4) applicants demonstrated some level of community support, however, one (1) Applicant (the Owner of 153 West 121st Street) did not demonstrate community support. As a consequence, three (3) letters of support and one (1) letter of non-support were issued to the Landmarks Preservation Commission on June 20th, 2016 on behalf of the CB 10 Historic Preservation and Landmarks Committee.

A discussion followed regarding adding "Public Members" to the Committee to expand the resources of the Committee. Suggestions of potential Public Members included John Rappaport, Director of the Harlem YMCA; Jonelle Procope, Director of the Apollo; Thelma Golden, Director of the Studio Museum; Dr. Lisa S. Coico, President of City College; and Lee Bollinger, President of Columbia University. Committee members were asked to consider other institutional resources in CB 10 to consider inviting to become Public Members of the Committee.

A discussion followed regard updating the Comprehensive Historic Preservation Plan issued by CB 10 in 2012. It was agreed that he updating project would be ideal for an intern or Urban Planning Fellow, and a request was made to the District Manager by Committee Member Vazquez that the updating project be considered. Committee Members agreed to re-read the 2012 Comprehensive Historic Preservation Plan from the perspective of assessing whether and where the data and other information contained in the report needs to be updated for discussion during the July 2016 meeting of the Committee.

A discussion followed regarding the establishment of a Not-for-Profit affiliate to access resources not currently available to the Board and the Committee. It was agreed that additional research should be done to investigate how Not-for-Profit affiliates have been structured by other Community Boards and the pro's and con's of that initiative.

It was agreed after discussion that the Committee will meet during the summer months to develop a strategy to continue to advance the consideration by LPC of the additional Landmark District designations proposed by the 2012 CB 10 Landmarks Committee Report and to develop a comprehensive Mission Statement for the Committee. Tuesday, July 12, 2016 was agreed as the next meeting date for the Committee.

Respectfully Submitted, C. Knox LaSister Chair, CB 10 Historic Preservation and Landmarks Committee