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March 19, 2010

Robert B. Tierney, *Chair*
NYC Landmarks Preservation Commission
One Centre St., 9th Floor North
New York, New York 10007

Dear Chairman Tierney:

At its Full Board meeting on March 18, 2010, CB#2, Manhattan (CB#2-Man.), adopted the following resolution:

1ST LANDMARKS MEETING

Item 1- 501 Broadway, aka 72 Mercer Street - SoHo –Cast Iron Historic District

A contemporary building designed by Robert Traboscia and Caterina Roiatti, TRA Studio and built in 2003. Application is to construct a rooftop addition and pergola. Zoned M-5B

Whereas, the materials proposed are in context with the district; but

Whereas, the structure will be fairly visible from Broome Street; and

Whereas, it would be better if the structure was less visible; and

Whereas, this is a real borderline case; it certainly pushes the envelope; and

Whereas, since there is still 1100 additional square-feet available for this proposed construction, it would have been better were this bulk utilized during the initial construction, not presented as an *ad hoc* add-on seven years later; but

Whereas, its visibility does not detract horrendously from the district; now

Therefore, be it resolved that CB#2, Man. reluctantly recommends approval of this application, if its visibility indeed cannot be further ameliorated.

Vote: Unanimous, with 38 Board members in favor.

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Item 2 - 56 Jane Street, aka 616-622 Hudson Street – Greenwich Village H. D.

Four houses built in 1852 and converted to an apartment house in the mid-twentieth century.

Application is to replace windows.

Whereas, the existing windows are objectionable and this proposal for 6-over-6 windows is a great improvement; now

Therefore, be it resolved that CB#2, Man. recommends approval of this application.

Vote: Unanimous, with 38 Board members in favor.

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At its Full Board meeting on March 18, 2010, CB#2, Manhattan (CB#2-Man.), adopted the following resolution:

Item 3 – 316 Bleecker Street (n.w. Grove) - Greenwich Village Historic District

Whereas, the materials, style and symmetry add to the building; but

Whereas, there was agreement that the window panes would be better configured if the casement portion had six lights instead of the proposed eight; now

Therefore, be it resolved that CB#2, Man. recommends approval of this application, with the casement having six lights.

Vote: Unanimous, with 38 Board members in favor.

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Dear Chairman Tierney:

At its Full Board meeting on March 18, 2010, CB#2, Manhattan (CB#2-Man.), adopted the following resolution:

2ND LANDMARKS MEETING

Item 1. 201 West 13th St. aka 42-46 Seventh Ave. – Church of the Village (formerly Metropolitan Duane Church). Application is to alter the side entrance to provide barrier-free access & to construct an elevator bulkhead.

Whereas, this church has many programs which require access to the various floors by some persons who may be handicapped, and

Whereas, the proposed changes are purely for the purposes of accommodating these persons, and

Whereas, the proposed changes to the door on the 13th Street façade will actually make it more in keeping with the present 7th Avenue entrance in style and color, and

Whereas, the elimination of the steps on the 13th St. side will be accomplished with changes to the doorway surround in keeping with the current entrance, and

Whereas, the addition of the elevator in the building will in no way affect the sanctuary which, although not a landmarked interior, is an important part of the structure of the church, and

Whereas, the elevator bulkhead, although minimally visible from 7th Ave. will be clad in materials similar to the current façade of the building, thus reducing its impact on the sightlines,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that CB#2, Man. recommends approval of the two changes proposed for 201 West 13th St. aka 42-46 Seventh Avenue.

Please advise us of any decision or action taken in response to this resolution.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jo Hamilton". The signature is written in a cursive style and is set against a light blue rectangular background.

Jo Hamilton, Chair
Community Board #2, Manhattan

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sean Sweeney". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Sean Sweeney, Chair
Landmarks & Public Aesthetics Committee
Community Board #2, Manhattan

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cc: Hon. Jerrold L. Nadler, Congressman
Hon. Thomas K. Duane, NY State Senator
Hon. Daniel L. Squadron, NY State Senator
Hon. Deborah J. Glick, Assembly Member
Hon. Scott M. Stringer, Man. Borough President
Hon. Christine C. Quinn, Council Speaker
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Hon. Rosie Mendez, Council Member
Sandy Myers, CB2 Liaison, Man. Borough President's office
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Andrew Berman, Greenwich Village Society for Historic Preservation
Jenny Fernandez, Director of Government & Community Relations,
Landmarks Preservation Commission
David Reck, Zoning Committee, CB#2, Man.