

CB#9M Committee on Landmarks and Historic Preservation  
Minutes of the meeting of December 8, 2008  
Board Offices at 18 Old Broadway

Present: Carolyn Kent, Walter South, co-chairs; Pat Jones, Gladys Tinsley; Patricia Lewis, excused; Brenda Faust, Cecil Corbin Mark, absent; Jeff Nulle, Anne Whitman, public members present

The meeting opened at 6:30 pm: agenda and minutes were approved

Carolyn Kent reported that Assemblyman Danny O'Donnell was working closely with OPRHP staff member Kathy Howe on a survey of State/National Register buildings now listed for the Morningside Heights Historic District area.

Walter South reported on his discussion with New York Landmarks Conservancy Sacred Sites Program Director Ann Friedman. She has funds available for rehabilitation work in houses of worship in CB#9 and he will talk further with her about setting up an information role for our committee here.

He further reported that City Council member Robert Jackson has restated his support for LPC designation of the group of four buildings under current discussion - Old Broadway Synagogue, Cotton Club, former Sheffield Stables, 41 Convent Avenue.

Hamilton Grange: Pat Jones, CB#9M Chair, reported that she had asked Maria Burks, Superintendent of Sites, National Park Service, to report to the General Board's December meeting on plans for the development of an information center at the Memorial's Convent Avenue site. Walter South emphasized the importance of a study center with regard to Hamilton's role in the development of a federal financial backbone for the new American government.

Discussion of Columbia planned construction on the northern segment of the Cathedral of St. John the Divine Close: Carolyn Kent urged that the Committee bring this issue to the Board in an effort to safeguard one of the most significant historic sites in NYC. It was agreed that the appropriate approach would be to ask both Columbia and Cathedral leadership to present an informative discussion of their plans for the northern segment to the General Board after exploratory discussion with members of our committee.

The meeting was adjourned to January 12, 2009.

*Carolyn Kent*