

CB#9M Committee on Landmarks and Historic Preservation  
Minutes of the meeting of January 12, 2009  
Board Offices at 18 Old Broadway

Present: Carolyn Kent, Walter South, co-chairs; Pat Jones, Gladys Tinsley; Patricia Lewis and Brenda Faust excused; Jeff Nulle, Anne Whitman, public members present; Michael Adams present

The meeting opened at 6:50 pm: agenda and minutes were approved

Carolyn Kent noted that she is asked to record notes on the founding and activity of the CB#9 Landmarks Committee for the NYC Preservation Archive Project.

Michael Adams, Anne Whitman and Walter South reported on their very active participation in the all-city Jan. 10<sup>th</sup> meeting convened by Anthony Wood on "The Future of Preservation in New York." They felt the best emerging idea was taxing new development in an historic district toward support of small business. They heard a strong undertone of discouragement toward change in the current landmark law; a lack of clear consensus among preservationists gathered from across the city; a "mix of warriors and listeners"; a shared view that there has been insufficient designation in minority areas; talk of a "window in time" due to current developer activity; an eagerness to see preservation joined to "greening".

Gladys Tinsley reported that scaffolding was up at 41 Convent for \$250,000 in re-pointing work to be completed by Feb. 2010. The question of 3 bids was raised and Anne Whitman and Walter South will meet with Gladys to further discuss. Anne suggests an architect resource list be drawn up for use in CB#9 as these city demands for renovation among our residential apts. appear to be multiplying.

Walter South reported on his meeting with Ann Friedman, Sacred Sites Program, NY Landmarks Conservancy – they have over a \$million in available loan funds. Our DM has a fairly solid list of religious sites in CB#9 and we will ask Bill Perkins and Robert Jackson to host a community meeting to spread word of this opportunity with invitations from CB#9 and the Conservancy.

After the National Park Service announcement in the Dec. General Board meeting of a legal bar to development of the Hamilton Grange Convent Avenue site, Pat Jones will talk with the St. Luke's Church attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

*Carolyn Kent*