

Landmarks Preservation & Parks Committee Meeting Minutes
Wednesday January 7th, 2015 at Broadway Housing, 135th Street and Riverside Drive
Meeting called to order at 6:40pm

CB9 Landmarks & Parks Committee Members in attendance:

Joel Mentor (Chair), Michael Wells, Kimberly Cameron, Daniel Cohen, Jonathan Thomas

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Presentations:

437 W 147th Street

Presenter(s): Charlotte Dewald, Architect

Ms. Dewald presented plans, and renderings related to planned renovations that are to take place at the rear of 437 W 147, located between Convent and St. Nicholas Avenues. Plans call for the addition of an elevated metal deck with stairs, painted black. Design of the deck will be consistent with existing structures in the area. The plan also includes the enlargement of a rear parlor window. This request came up for approval as the addition will be visible from Convent Avenue. Committee members voted unanimously in favor of the proposed renovations.

767 St. Nicholas Avenue

Presenter(s): Alessandro Cimini, Architect

Plans to convert the former SRO to a 5 family dwelling were presented to the Committee. Details of the proposed renovations include: reconstruction of the front stoop of the building, which will involve coordination with NYC MTA as the original foundation for the stoop runs atop the train tunnel. Front windows will be updated to wood frame and curved glass, reinstating original designs from when the building was built. Additions are also proposed at the rear of the building on the 3rd floor extension, and bulkhead with chimneys on the rooftop. Designs for the proposed bulkhead show that it will not be visible from sight lines around the building. Proposed excavation of the rear yard are also part of the plan to bring it to alignment with existing cellar windows. Comments were made in regards to the bulkhead addition being utilized as living space, or penthouse. Since the proposed height of the structure would not interfere with Landmarks guidelines, this would not be an issue. Our Committee voted unanimously in favor of the proposed renovations.

Old Business

None

New Business

Parks Department to present at our next Committee meeting, plans to renovate Carmansville Playground @ 152nd Street and Amsterdam. Parents, community members have complained about conditions at that site. We will compile a list of other parks/playgrounds in our district in need of repairs.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45pm

Submitted by Joel Mentor