

Landmarks Preservation/Parks Committee Meeting Minutes
Wednesday March 5, 2014 at Broadway Housing, 135th and Riverside Drive
Meeting called to attention at 6:49pm

CB9 Members in attendance: Arnold Boatner (Chair), James Amodeo, Michael Wells, Brad Taylor

Public attendees: Jully Merino, Nancy Bruning, Sabine Franklin (Councilman Mark Levine liaison)

Reviewed:

- 1) Meeting minutes from February meeting concerning Hamilton Theater redevelopment plans. Lengthy discussion followed regarding inaccuracy of reporting by DNAInfo that stated the board was considering support of luxury housing to support restoration of the theater. Arnold Boatner clarified that there was no formal board support for luxury housing and that historian/preservationist activist Michael Henry Adams had made the suggestion regarding luxury housing. Discussion also centered on process that developer will have to follow to get approval for any redevelopment effort.
- 2) 280 Convent Avenue update was given by Arnold Boatner. Open house has been scheduled for March 25th as a result of strong opposition from neighbors to the addition of an external stairwell exit that will be largely glass. Discussion followed regarding the fact that no review was done by the community board prior to LPC hearing and approval. NYS SHPO office also hasn't given approval to CCNY plan for the building. FOIL request has been filed by community residents for LPC records regarding the approval process.

Presentations:

"Nancercize" exercise program that is going to be held at Morningside Park through the Friends of Morningside Park. Brochure was passed out that detailed program that was held previously in Fort Tryon Park. Cost of program is \$10,000.

Columbia University Construction Open House- Jully Merino passed out brochures regarding information session being held to inform community of construction opportunities.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

None

Meeting adjourned at 7:59 pm
Submitted by Arnold Boatner