Landmarks Preservation/Parks Committee Meeting Minutes
Wednesday January 9, 2013 at Community Board 9, 18 Old Broadway
Meeting called to order at 6:46pm approximately

CB9 Members in attendance: Arnold Boatner (Chair), Larry English, Joel Mentor, Gladys Tinsley

Public attendees: Krystal McNeus, Gillian Riley Nogiere, Kristen LaFollette

Presentations and discussions:

1) Discussion of a resolution in support of the Parks & Recreation department Tiemann Stairs repair & renovation. The renovation is sponsored by Councilwoman Inez Dickens. Tiemann Stairs are located on the viaduct which was constructed in 1901. There was a minor renovation of the viaduct and stairs done in 1935 under the direction of legendary city planner Robert Moses. Pictures of the area of renovation were provided. There will be bluestone pavement on the landing areas and hex mark paving on the remaining area. There was discussion of the placement of benches in the area and the placement of dividers on the benches to prevent vagrants from loitering on the benches. Larry English will draft resolution.

2) Brief discussion of the St. Agnes Apartments on Convent Avenue landmark efforts led by Gladys Tinsley in conjunction with the Old Synagogue on Old Broadway across from the CB9 office also being landmarked. Question asked whether or not there was any objection to the land marking status of St. Agnes. Gladys Tinsley answered that there wasn't any opposition. Larry English suggested that the committee make a concerted effort to escalate the landmark effort by the next meeting.

3) A project is being prepared by former Columbia University students that will be an oral history of Harlem. Long term residents of the area will be interviewed. There was a lengthy discussion of the history of the area and the changing demographics of the community. Arnold Boatner suggested that the oral history project should be presented during the public session of the general board meeting.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:15 pm
Submitted by Arnold Boatner