

Minutes

Parks, Landmarks, and Cultural Affairs Committee

Wednesday, November 8, 2017 - 6:00 pm

Podell Auditorium/ Beth Israel 16th Street

Chair Mark Thompson called meeting to order at 6:02 pm

Presentation was made by applicant for a Certificate of Appropriateness for window replacements at The Beaux Arts apartments at 310 and 307 East 44th Street. Applicant described problems with existing windows, deterioration, inability to place air conditioning units in transoms, and how they had worked with LPC to develop a new window replacement system. Resident of building expressed support. Resolution passed unanimously.

Presentation was made by architects for applicant for a Certificate of Appropriateness for the conversion of a multi-family home to a single-family home with non-visible horizontal/vertical enlargements at 109 E 35th Street. Architects presented plans and described changes, which included a non-visible rooftop addition, non-visible greenhouse at rear of structure, modified window openings on rear façade, and replacement of transom window with a fan window over front door. Committee members asked if plans had been presented to Murray Hill Neighborhood Association. Since they had not, architects agreed to present to MHNA before LPC hearing. Resolution passed unanimously.

Parks Department representative made a presentation of the proposed design for the renovation of Dag Hammarskjold Plaza. The plans include a variety of improved and new elements, including painting metal fences and pavilions, upgrading of electric system, repair of pavement and stone area, repaired, replaced and new benches, a new ADA-compliant gate leading into Katherine Hepburn Garden, new seating and pavement in a portion of

the Hepburn Garden, and in-ground lighting on the sculpture platform. While the elements were supported by the committee members, members of the public expressed concern over safety issues – including vehicular access onto the plaza and a desire for ‘hardening’ of the plaza - repairs to the fountain mechanism that had not been finalized, and the need for access to water taps for volunteers and staff who water the plantings in the garden. Issues regarding the adjoining street and safety during large events were also raised. The representative from parks agreed to get back to the CB6 office with answers to those questions. The budget of \$675,00 does not cover those issues, but will be explored by Parks. Resolution was passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 6:55 pm.