

October 2017 PARKS, LANDMARKS & CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MINUTES

1. Certificate of Appropriateness- 275 Madison Avenue- an individual landmarked building known for its art deco elements and as a bridge to the "International Style." Application is to make exterior alterations on East 40th Street for new retail use by creating new entrance lobby, establishing double doors and handicap lift. Members of the committee objected to removal of art deco elements from a building designated for its art deco style. Kathy Thompson introduced a resolution of opposition. The vote was 5 in favor, 3 opposed, 2 abstaining. The Chairman chose not to cast a vote and scheduled a caucus at the board meeting to come to a majority opinion.
2. Parks Department report- St. Vartan Park- no indication yet on Mayor's announcement of money to be appropriated for that park, Mayor previously announced money for waterfront connection as it is unlikely UN will ever approve MOU, Bellevue South in pre-design stage, new boilers done for Asser Levy Recreation Center, Ralph Bunche- Isiah Wall will be rehabbed through requirement contract not capital.
3. November committee meeting will have to be held on different night as first Tuesday is election day and there are already agenda items. Meeting will have to be scheduled prior to the 7th.