

## Meeting Minutes

Parks, Landmarks, & Cultural Affairs Committee 9/15/17

1. SPAN Architecture presented proposed changes for a Certificate of Appropriateness for renovations to landmarked townhouse at 4 Gramercy Park West. The front of building will remain the same, including the cast iron portico and gas lamps (service may be restored). The front façade changes include increasing height of top floor windows to match adjacent building's window line. Rear third floor will be expanded to match footprint of second floor extension. Windows on rear to be replaced, expanded. New bulkheads and chimney flues to be added to rooftop. Some slight visibility from across Gramercy Park. Resolution to support passed unanimously (12 in favor; 2 absences)
  
2. Mark Vacarro gave a Parks Department update. Sutton Place work is underway. Crew is coordinating with adjoining building. Albano Park contract is going to legal department now (bids out late fall). Bellevue South financials still being analyzed. Asser Levy boilers have been replaced, fire alarm replacement is next. Questions were raised about replacing windows. Discussion of Little Free Libraries. One will be placed in Stuyvesant Square Park in coming months. Friends of DHP proposed one in Dag Hammarskjold Plaza. October 21 is 'It's My Park Day'. Discussion of lack of police presence in Bellevue South. Mark V and Aaron H discussed how to bring it to attention of agencies. Discussion of bluestone at Ralph Bunche. Mark V will ask Steve Simon to look into this. Mark T asked Mark V about Gail Haft's request to look into replacing 57<sup>th</sup> Street sand pit with playground equipment to end the drainage problem. Mark T asked about Peter Detmold gate. Brad R is going to look into it. Mark T asked about trimming trees in Stuyvesant Square Park since tree limbs block lights.
  
3. Committee briefly discussed budget priorities; they were completed before Summer.
  
4. Chair's Report Mark introduced and welcomed newest committee member Amelia Acosta, who then spoke briefly.

Meeting adjourned at 8:21 PM  
Submitted by Mark Thompson