

CB#9M Committee on Landmarks and Historic Preservation
Minutes of the meeting of February 9, 2009, Board Offices at 18 Old Broadway

Present: Carolyn Kent, Walter South, co-chairs; Pat Jones, Gladys Tinsley, Patricia Lewis; Brenda Faust absent; Anne Whitman, public member present; Paul Radensky, President, Congregation of the Old Broadway Synagogue

The meeting opened at 6:30 pm; agenda and minutes were approved.

Paul Radensky, Old Broadway Synagogue, described his several conversations with officer of the Synagogue in which, in its entirety, the officer group affirmed their enthusiasm for a campaign to secure landmark designation from the Commission. Walter South asked him to be present at the February 19, 2009 General Board Meeting in order to testify on behalf of the Synagogue leadership in the Public Session prior to the scheduled vote on the matter and bring one or two other members of the congregation with him. (Paul Radensky brought two members with him, all of whom spoke, and the vote was 31 – 0 – 0 in affirmation of the resolution to support designation.)

It was further suggested by Committee members that the following be asked to provide letters of support for the packet that Walter South is preparing for submission to LPC: Eric Allison, Pratt Program in Historic Preservation, Municipal Art Society, Place Matters, Historic Districts Council, Landmark West!, Eric Washington, Michael Adams. Assemblyman Daniel O'Donnell has already sent a letter to LPC and has received a 'maybe later/more information' response.

We then reviewed our designation agenda based upon Gen. Bd. resolutions: (copies of these will be distributed to Committee Board and Public members).

Completion of the Hamilton Heights-Sugar Hill His. Dis. – needs new reso
Hamilton Grange National Memorial and Information Center – res. 3/20/08

Four Manhattanville properties:

41 Convent Avenue – res.12/18/08; Old Broadway Synagogue – res.2/19/09
Cotton Club – res.12/07; Sheffield Farms Stable – res.9/20/07

Three Columbia-owned Manhattanville properties – needs reso; Prentiss
Hall, Nash Building, Studebaker Building

Tiemann Estate Residential Historic District – res.5/8/06

Morningside Heights Historic District – res.10/6/08

Cathedral Church of St. John the Divine & Close – res.11/21/02

The meeting was adjourned to March 9, 2009. Respectfully submitted,

