



New
York
Landmarks
Conservancy

30 years of
preserving &
protecting
New York

June 6, 2006

John J. Kerr, Jr., *Chairman*
Peg Breen, *President*

Board of Directors
John Belle, FAIA, RJBA
William L. Bernhard
Kathryn McGraw Berry
Farran Tozer Brown
Paul S. Byard, FAIA
Joan O. Camins
Pamela Rubin Carter
Anise Coffin
Susan J. Cullman
Michael K. De Chiara
Douglas Durst
Seamus P. Feld
John M. Forelle
Robert C. Graham, Jr.
Clark P. Halstead
Margaret B. Hassett
Paul K. Herzan
Holly Hirschner
Susan Hershaw Jones
Stephen S. Lash
Mimi Levin
Frederic S. Papert
Allison Simmons Prouty
Frances Scarfe
Marc P. Schappell
Frank J. Sciamé, Jr.
David Kenneth Spector
Joanne M. Stern
Elizabeth F. Stribling
Donald G. Tober
Lloyd Zuckerberg

Advisory Council
Laurie Beckelman
Robert W. Burnett
Aubria Corbitt
Henry P. Davison II
Peter Duchin
Nurton Garfinkle
Stephen Kirshenbaum
Ronald S. Lauder
Malcolm MacKay
Marjorie Flannigan
MacLachlan
John Morning
Sherida Paulsen
Robert C. Quinlan
Maribeth S. Rabe
Arnold Scansi
Stuart N. Siegel
Liz Smith
The Reverend Canon
Frederick B. Williams

The Honorable Robert B. Tierney, Chairman
N.Y.C. Landmarks Preservation Commission
Municipal Building, 9th Floor, 1 Centre Street
New York, New York 10007

Subject: Dakota Stables, Amsterdam Avenue and 77th Street

Dear Bob:

I am writing to tell you of the Conservancy's strong support for the designation of the Dakota Stables as a City landmark.

Such buildings played a crucial role in the daily life of Upper West Siders at the turn of the twentieth century. Architect Bradford Lee Gilbert's Romanesque Revival design is a lively composition of red brick hues and patterns.

The Dakota Stables, originally the Mason Stables, now the Pyramid Garage, remains serviceable today for storing automobiles. It is architecturally distinctive and physically intact.

We hope that you and your fellow Commissioners will agree to calendar this important building as soon as possible.

Thank you for the opportunity to express the Conservancy's views.

Sincerely,

Peg Breen, President
NEW YORK LANDMARKS CONSERVANCY

cc: Honorable Gale D. Brewer, City Councilmember
Honorable Scott M. Stringer, Manhattan Borough President
Kate Wood, Landmark West!

Via Facsimile and Mail