

THE COMMITTEE TO PRESERVE THE UPPER WEST SIDE

Testimony of LANDMARK WEST! Certificate of Appropriateness Committee Before the Landmarks Preservation Commission 1000 Fifth Avenue - The Metropolitan Museum of Art May 14, 2024

LANDMARK WEST! is a not-for-profit community organization committed to the preservation of the architectural heritage of the Upper West Side.

The Certificate of Appropriateness Committee wishes to comment on 1000 Fifth Avenue, a Beaux-Arts and Roman style museum building with designated interior spaces designed by Richard Morris Hunt and Richard Howland Hunt with consulting architect George B. Post and built in 1895-1902. The application is to replace skylights with metal roofing.

The LANDMARK WEST! Certificate of Appropriateness Committee can support the installation of an opaque metal roof in place of the non-functioning skylight currently in place on the roof of Wing J. Monel, the proposed material, is long-lasting and features on this roof already and on other parts of the building, such as the symmetrically positioned Wing E.

Of the three treatment options suggested, we concur that the palm-sanded treatment is the most appropriate, as it removes the sheen from the new Monel and has yielded successful results of speedy, yet natural, aging of the material, which will in time match the existing Monel on the roof.

Thank You.