



THE COMMITTEE TO PRESERVE THE UPPER WEST SIDE

**Testimony of LANDMARK WEST!  
Certificate of Appropriateness Committee  
Before the Landmarks Preservation Commission  
Swedish Cottage Marionette Theatre - Central Park  
October 8, 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 the Swedish Cottage Marionette Theatre project proposed within Central Park, An English Romantic style public park designed by Frederick Law Olmsted and Calvert Vaux and built in 1857-1858. The application is to install two flagpoles.

The LANDMARK WEST! Certificate of Appropriateness Committee appreciates when stewards of landmarks seek to remedy non-compliant work. The installation of two flagpoles flanking the entrance to the Swedish Cottage is an appropriate way to mitigate the former non-compliant flag display. We are, however, concerned about potential alterations to the vegetation and if trees will need to be altered to accommodate their installation; we seek clarification on this.

Thank you.