



OFFICE OF THE BROOKLYN BOROUGH PRESIDENT

September 17, 2009

Mr. Robert B. Tierney
Chairperson
Landmarks Preservation Commission
One Centre Street, 9th Floor
New York, New York 10007

Dear Commissioner Tierney:

I have received an e-mail from The Joint Block Associations of Bedford Corners, dated September 13, 2009, seeking a Request for Evaluation for the purpose of ultimately obtaining historic district designation status from the Landmarks Preservation Commission (LPC).

Even with the recent additions of Crown Heights North, DUMBO, Fiske Terrace/Midwood Park, and the expectation of Prospect Heights on September 17 as designated historic districts by LPC, there are many worthy areas of Brooklyn that may be appropriate for designation. Certainly Bedford Corners presents a compelling case for having an analysis undertaken.

This area is representative of Neo-Grec and Queen Anne style buildings, with a cluster of buildings designed by Montrose Morris. I am told that Hancock Street between Marcy and Tompkins avenues might be the most stunning in all of the community. Bedford Corners already contains the individually designated landmarks apartment buildings such as the Alhambra and Renaissance, with the Imperial being nearby.

Residents have photographed every building in the proposed district towards conducting the association's own update of your agency's 1983 survey. Outreach efforts include the distribution of more than 1,000 letters and postcards that informed area homeowners of the designation process and the protection achieved through such status. In addition, two town hall meetings were held featuring a panel of experts to answer questions from the community. There is even a website (<http://www.bedfordcornershistoricdistrict.org/>) providing ongoing information of the designation efforts with a forum to receive feedback. With all of the advocacy ongoing, I believe that LPC should allocate resources towards supplementing a process that may lead to a designation proposal.

Commissioner Robert B. Tierney

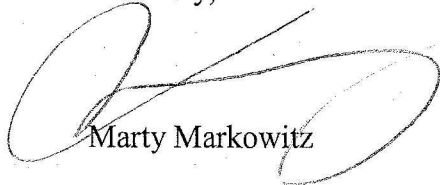
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If you have any questions in this regard, you may contact Mr. Richard Bearak, my director of Land Use Planning, at (718) 802-4057.

Thank you for your consideration in this regard.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Marty Markowitz". The signature is stylized with large loops and a long horizontal stroke.

Marty Markowitz

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