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Sarah Carroll, Chair
Landmarks Preservation Commission
David N. Dinkins Municipal Building, 9th Floor North
1 Centre Street
New York, NY 10007

re: LPC application for The Church of the Holy Apostles at [296 Ninth Avenue](#) – Lamp post Installation

Dear Chair Carroll:

On the recommendation of its Chelsea Land Use Committee, at its regular Board meeting on March, 1 2023, Manhattan Community Board No. 4 (CB4), by a vote of **36** in favor, **0** opposed, **0** abstaining and **0** present but not eligible to vote, **voted to recommend approval for the lamp post installation at 296 Ninth Avenue, The Church of the Holy Apostles.**

Background

The Church of the Holy Apostles is an Individual Landmark designed by Minard Lafever and built in 1846-1848. An extension was designed by Charles Babcock of Richard Upjohn & Son which was constructed in 1858. The building is Italianate style and was designated a New York City landmark in 1966 and added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1972. The church operates as a place of worship, a community center and a soup kitchen.

The Application

The church is seeking to install four lamp posts to the four corners of the church property. These lamp posts will support a projector mount that will be set to illuminate the steeple from dusk to dawn, and when triggered by motion sensor, they will also illuminate the immediate area. This is suggested to have the dual benefit of address site security concerns while also bringing beautification and celebration to this historical landmark.

Recommendations

The applicant has noted that the designs have been tested to ensure there is no disruption to the neighboring residential buildings (the church is on the corner of Penn South and adjacent to other apartment buildings). We ask that the church continue to maintain open communication with its neighbors to ensure that the permanent solution does not introduce any unanticipated disturbances. We also ask that the church explore the potential for solar power and that the pole design be re-examined with the goal of selecting a finishing that is maximally aligned with the historic nature of the property.

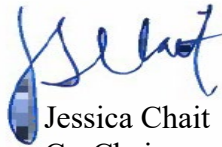
Finally, separate from this application, the church has agreed to investigate the potential for adding additional lighting particularly to the south corner to help bring greater security to that area as well.

We support the application in its desire to bring additional security and beautification to the area and believe this proposal does so with minimal disruption to both the historic fabric and the area within in which it sits.

Sincerely,



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Chair
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