

Date: 4/5/2016 LPC Docket #: 18-2829

LPC Action: Approved with modifications

Action required by other agencies:

Permit Type: CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS

Address: 875 Washington Street

Borough: Manhattan

Block: 646 **Lot**: 27

Historic District: Gansevoort Market Historic District

Description: A Queen Anne style market building designed by James W. Cole and built in 1887. Application is to establish

a Master Plan governing the future installation of painted murals on a rooftop bulkhead.

COMMISSION FINDINGS

The Commission NOTED that the style, scale, materials, and details of the building are among the features that contribute to the special architectural and historic character of the Gansevoort Market Historic District. The Commission further noted that the district is reflective of the area's long history of continuous varied and evolving use as a place of dwelling, industry, and commerce, and art.

Pursuant to Section 25-307 of the Administrative Code of the City of New York, the Commission APPROVED the proposal, finding:

- -that the existing, visible corrugated metal bulkhead is not historic and is not a significant architectural feature of the building, therefore the installation, consisting of paint or other medium on the existing corrugated metal bulkhead, and subsequent removal will not eliminate or damage any significant architectural features;
- -that the installation is in keeping with the characteristic evolving nature of the district, and its recent history of public art installations, adaptive reuse, and dynamic contemporary architecture;
- -that the parameters of the permissible artwork, limiting its size, and precluding illumination and advertisements, will help prevent the installation from detracting from the building or streetscape;
- -that the installation will only be partially visible from oblique angles from public thoroughfares;
- -and that the proposed work will enhance the special architectural and historic character of the Gansevoort Market Historic District.

However, in voting to grant this approval, the Commission required:

- -that the master plan be limited to a period of six years;
- -and that the applicant be required to document all of the installations to provide a record for the Commission to review if, or when, the applicant seeks to renew the Master Plan.

VOTE:

Present: Meenakshi Srinivasan, Frederick Bland, Diana Chapin, Wellington Chen, Michael Devonshire, Michael Goldblum, Kim Vauss

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In Favor = M.Srinivasan, F.Bland, D.Chapin, W.Chen, M.Devonshire, M.Goldblum, K.Vauss

Oppose = Abstain = Recuse =

Please note that these "Commission Findings" are a summary of the findings related to the application. This is NOT a permit or approval to commence any work. No work may occur until the Commission has issued a Certificate of Appropriateness, which requires review and approval of Department of Buildings filing drawings and/or other construction drawings related to the approved work. In addition, no work may occur until the work has been reviewed and approved by other City agencies, such as the Department of Buildings, as required by law