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transatlantic telephone; and Weehawken Street, believed to be the shortest street in New York, and Charles Lane, believed to have the oldest cobblestones of any street in the city. GVSHP is working diligently to muster support from neighborhood, City, State, and National preservationists and leaders for this proposal, and is urging the LPC to move forward in protecting its historic resources. To support this effort, go to www.gvshp.org/letters4-21-04.htm

GVSHP has also formulated a proposal to rezone the Far West Village, to ensure that any new development more closely matches the scale and character of the area than many of the recent high-rise, setback tower developments we have seen. This rezoning proposal was submitted to the City in September, with the goals of: 1) reducing the overall bulk of allowable new development, 2) using contextual zoning to impose height limits and require new buildings match the traditional streetscape, and 3) maintain the unique and intimate scale of streets like Weehawken Street and Charles Lane.

Currently, zoning in the Far West Village allows a variety of different types and scales of development. Some of the area allows very large buildings, and none of the area has prohibitions upon either setback towers (which allows new developments to build higher) or accumulating unlimited development rights on one site. Each are ways that very tall towers, like the recent Meier buildings or the Memphis at Charles and Washington, have been built. However, by utilizing contextual zoning, we can ensure that any new development does meet the street (rather than sitting back on a plaza and piling their mass up higher), meets height limits appropriate to the area, and does not take unlimited development rights from other nearby sites, which increases the size and bulk of developments.

The city is currently analyzing this proposal, and we expect to meet with them soon to develop specific zoning recommendations. While the all-important final outcome remains to be seen, we are happy to report that at Mayor Bloomberg's Town Hall meeting in Greenwich Village in August, City Planning Chair Amanda Burden stated that she looked forward to receiving and working on this proposal, and was positively inclined towards rezoning the area. Her office has been extremely helpful in moving this process along, and we look forward to the results. State Senator Duane, Councilmember Quinn, Assemblymember Glick, Congressmember Nadler, and Councilmember Gerson have also supported this effort.

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heard by the LPC in 1966, but were never designated. On May 18th, the LPC held a hearing on 4 St. Mark's Place in the East Village, another of our 13 federals. GVSHP and NYLC helped generate a very strong showing in support of designation at the hearing. Designation would not only protect this house, but also add to the very small number of protected sites in the East Village. A vote is expected soon. And on June 21, 67 Greenwich Street, another of the 13 proposed houses, was put on the LPC calendar, the first step towards a hearing.

The remaining houses are still unprotected, however, as are 4 St. Mark's and 67 Greenwich until designation is approved. In a July meeting, Chair Robert Tierney told GVSHP that the LPC was actively looking at the remaining houses from our proposal, and indicated that further movement could be forthcoming soon. Please thank the LPC for their votes to landmark the 3 federal houses, but also urge them to move forward on the remaining 10; sample letters and contact info are available on our website at www.gvshp.org/macdougalletter.htm. This effort is also supported by State Senator Tom Duane, Assemblymember Deborah Glick, and Councilmembers Christine Quinn, Alan Gerson, and Margarita Lopez.

GVSHP Executive Director Andrew Berman and over 120 supporters, including State Senator Tom Duane, rallied at City Hall to call for preservation of the Far West Village



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