



Date:	9/25/2018
LPC Docket #:	LPC-19-14588
LPC Action:	Approved with modifications
Action required by other agencies:	
Permit Type:	CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS

Address: 159 Bleecker Street
Borough: Manhattan
Block: 539 **Lot:** 37
Historic District: South Village Historic District

Description: An Arts and Crafts style theater building designed by Samuel Levingson and built in 1917-1918, with alterations designed by Eugene K. Schafer and completed in 2004-2007. Application is to replace storefront infill and alter the marquee.

COMMISSION FINDINGS

The Commission NOTED that the building's style, scale, materials and details contribute to the architectural and historic character of the South Village Historic District.

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

- that the proposed work will not damage or eliminate any significant historic fabric or architectural features at the historic theater façade or marquee;
- that the configuration, details, and finish of the proposed entrance doors with their distinctive Chevron panes, sidelights, and transom will restore this element of the building closer to its original appearance;
- that the new display windows will restore the presence of the original storefronts and later ticket booths;
- that the simple tri-partite configuration, details, and finish of the new display windows will relate harmoniously to the surviving Arts and Crafts style features;
- and that the proposed work will not detract from the special architectural or historic character of the building or the South Village Historic District.

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

- The applicant work with staff to restudy the recladding of the marquee, to introduce a design that gives a stronger presence to the marquee on the streetscape.

VOTE:

Present: Frederick Bland, Wellington Chen, Michael Devonshire, Michael Goldblum, Kim Vauss, Jeanne Lutfy

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In Favor = F.Bland, W.Chen, M.Devonshire, M.Goldblum, K.Vauss, J.Lutfy

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