



Date: 3/26/2019  
LPC Docket #: LPC-19-36192  
LPC Action: Approved  
Action required by other agencies: Multiples  
Permit Type: BINDING REPORT

**Address:** West 14th Street between 9th and 10th Avenues

**Borough:** Manhattan

**Block:**                   **Lot:**

**Historic District:** Gansevoort Market Historic District

**Description:** Concrete sidewalks on West 14th Street. Application is to install planters and tree pits.

### COMMISSION FINDINGS

The Commission NOTED that the sidewalks along the north and south sides of West 14th Street between 9th and 10th Avenues are concrete. The Commission also NOTED that some of the existing trees on the south side of 14th Street were present at the time of designation, and that no trees exist on the north side of the street.

Pursuant to Section 25-318 of the Administrative Code of the City of New York, the Commission APPROVED THE PROPOSAL, finding:

- that the historic district is characterized by waves of adaptive reuse that significantly changed the appearance of many buildings throughout the 19th and 20th centuries, and that the proposed work will be consistent with, and will reflect, the district's long history of continuous, varied use as a place of dwelling, industry and commerce;
- that the presence of plantings in the streetscape will be consistent with the types of modern installations commonly seen in the dynamic roofscape of this historic district and on the High Line park, as well as existing trees on this block of West 14th Street, which serve as a precedent as well as a compatible backdrop for the proposed installations at street level;
- that the proposed planters and tree pits will be installed at concrete sidewalks, and therefore no historic paving material will be affected by these installations;
- that the planters will be in keeping with the design of Commission-approved planters on 9th Avenue within the historic district;
- that due to their low profile, material, finish and placement, the proposed Corten steel planters, located near the sidewalk curb, will not obstruct any views of the historic buildings along 14th Street and will complement the existing metal canopies over the sidewalk;
- that the tree pits will be installed only in front of buildings with no metal canopies, and therefore the trees will not obstruct or obscure these significant architectural features;
- and that the proposed work will be reversible and will not detract from the architectural or historic character of the buildings or the streetscape in the Gansevoort Market Historic District.

#### VOTE:

Present: Sarah Carroll, Adi Shamir-Baron, Diana Chapin, Wellington Chen, Michael Devonshire, Michael Goldblum, John Gustafsson, Kim Vauss, Anne HolFord Smith, Jeanne Lutfy

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In Favor = S.Carroll, A.Shamir-Baron, D.Chapin, W.Chen, M.Devonshire, M.Goldblum, J.Gustafsson, K.Vauss, A.HolFord Smith

Oppose =

Abstain =

Recuse = J.Lutfy

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