



Date:	11/1/2016
LPC Docket #:	19-2790
LPC Action:	Approved
Action required by other agencies:	
Permit Type:	CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS

Address: 137 Bank Street - Bell Telephone Laboratories Complex

Borough: Manhattan

Block: 639 **Lot:** 1

Historic District: Individual Landmark

Description: A complex of buildings, including a neo-Classical style office and factory building, designed by Cyrus L. W. Eidlitz and built in 1896-1899, at 455-465 West Street (aka 57-77 Bethune Street) and a neo-Classical style building designed by Cyrus L. W. Eidlitz and built in 1899 and altered in 1931-34 by Voorhees, Gmelin & Walker for the New York Central Railroad elevated freight railway. Application is to install a barrier free access ramp at the Bethune Street entrance.

COMMISSION FINDINGS

The Commission NOTED that the ramp at the Bethune Street entrance was temporarily approved and previously installed pursuant to Certificate of No Effect 17-0659, issued on July 28, 2015.

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

- that the previously constructed ramp provides an accessible entrance to the Bethune Street entrance, and its installation did not result in loss or damage to any significant architectural features of the building;
- that the simple design and materiality of the ramp, featuring untinted concrete with black metal cheek walls and railings, is in keeping with the industrial character of the building;
- that the ramp is modest in length, and does not overwhelm or detract from the composition of the façade;
- and that the work will not diminish the special architectural and historic character of the building.

VOTE:

Present: Meenakshi Srinivasan, Adi Shamir-Baron, Frederick Bland, Diana Chapin, Wellington Chen, Michael Devonshire, Michael Goldblum, John Gustafsson, Kim Vauss, Jeanne Lutfy

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In Favor = M.Srinivasan, A.Shamir-Baron, F.Bland, D.Chapin, W.Chen, M.Devonshire, M.Goldblum, J.Gustafsson, 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