

LANDMARKS PRESERVATION COMMISSION

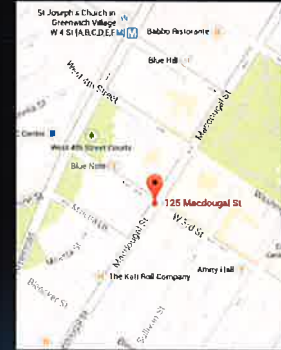
125 MacDougal Street

Presentation for Legalizing:

- WL 14-0783
- WL 14-0931
- WL 13-0932

Who are we?

- Groove Enterprises Inc (dba "Groove Bar & Grill") was established in 1997 in the lively Greenwich Village neighborhood and has been operations as a bar/restaurant which features live music nightly, mainly in the R&B genre.



HISTORY

- Prior to it's current version, this location was named VISIONES- "Spanish food and Avant-ish Jazz Guests playing late night Jam Sessions" (New York Magazine 1968)
- Known as Spanish restaurant "Granados" previously



1950's "Granados"

WL 14-0873 and WL 14-0931

- On the date of landmark designation (12/17/13), Groove Enterprises was already in contract with signage company to fix the front entrance RED awning on W. 3rd Street. (that is GRANDFATHERED) and change it to cohesive BLACK to match the other 3 awnings.

125 MacDougal Street



Landmarks designation photo (2013)

125 MacDougal Street



Existing conditions



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- The building has exposed classic brick, however, the commercial part does not have this component and was always covered with layers of drywalls and plasters.
- Throughout the years, the exterior color was mainly gray with some periods of maroon, burgundy, and pinkish brown (on the designation date).
- We feel that the best color will be matching the historic color as well as the color of some of the other buildings on Macdougal St, among them, our next-door neighbor at 127 Macdougal St.

WL 14-0932

- This application is for the installation of 3 double windows at the W. 3rd Street façade.
- Plans were submitted to the DOB in early 2013 and approved by that agency. Work was done, completed and signed off.

125 MacDougal Street (W. 3rd Street side)



Before installation

125 MacDougal Street (W. 3rd Street side)



Installed windows



NYC Department of Buildings
 240 Broadway, New York, NY 10007
 Division of Field, Risk, and Safety Communications

Letter of Completion

RUSSELL GOSS
 207 W 26 ST
 NY, NY 10001

Re: 125 MAC DOUGAL ST, MANHATTAN
 Job #: 121713690
 Bkoc: 543 Lot: 60

Dear RUSSELL GOSS:

Please be advised that the work related to the above application is completed and was signed off in the Building Information System (BIS) on 06/09/2014.

Because this job was filed as Directive 14 of 1975, the owner retained a registered professional engineer or registered architect, who certified that he/she inspected the work approved on this application and that it complies with the applicable laws, rules and regulations of the Department of Buildings.

Based on the nature of the work filed on this application a new certificate of occupancy is not required.

Very truly yours,

Borough Commissioner
 MANHATTAN

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- At the time of application, our architect contact all the agencies, including LPC and asked if there are any additional steps we needed to take, but since it was not designated yet, there was no need to.
- The permit was pulled on 12/20/13 – 3 days after the designation, and the job was completed.

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- The same artist who drew the original mural – Mr. Rico Fonseca, restored all the original artwork
- Mr. Fonseca is a longtime staple of Greenwich Village and is well-known for his depictions of famous musicians, writers, and artists

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New York Tax Records, 1980

- There are supporting photos to show that, throughout the years, similar windows existed on the southwest side of the building going back to the 80's and 60's



New York Tax Records, 1960

WL 14-0932 cont.

- Since the job was already completed and there are supporting photos showing clearly similar windows existed throughout the past 60 years, and since we didn't even know about this issue (after all, we could have pulled the permit in summer of 2013), we ask that the committee show empathy in respect to the three-day technicality of pulling the permit following designation date, thereby legalizing the completed work

Thank you

- Thank you for your time, consideration, and understanding in this matter.
- Please come and visit us to see great live R&B every night!

