

CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

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IN THE MATTER OF a communication dated August 5, 2005, from the Executive Director of the Landmarks Preservation Commission regarding an amendment to the landmark designation of the Church of the Transfiguration, 11-13 East 29th Street (Block 859, Lots 6 and 12 in part, consisting of the land underneath the Chancel) by the Landmarks Preservation Commission on July 26, 2005 (List No. 367A/LP No. 2133), Borough of Manhattan, Community District 5.

Pursuant to Section 3020.8(b) of the City Charter, the City Planning Commission shall submit to the City Council a report with respect to the relation of any designation by the Landmarks Preservation Commission, whether of a historic district or a landmark, to the Zoning Resolution, projected public improvements, and any plans for the development, growth, improvement or renewal of the area involved.

On May 25, 1967, the Landmarks Preservation Commission designated the Church of the Transfiguration (The Little Church around the Corner), a New York City Landmark. The Church is located on East 29th Street, between Fifth and Madison avenues. Subsequent to City Council approval, it was discovered that the Tax Map information given in the 1967 Landmark Designation Report failed to include the entire church structure. Specifically, the report indicated that the site was located at Borough of Manhattan Tax Map Block 859, Lot 6. However, in addition to this lot, the church structure extends 8 feet onto Lot 12 of Block 859. The present action seeks only to fix this discrepancy.

The Gothic Revival style Church of the Transfiguration is constructed of red brick with brownstone trim and is reinforced by buttresses. The Church also features a garden area accessed through a small lich-gate along East 29th Street.

The landmark site is located in a C5-2 zoning district which allows a FAR of 10.0.

All landmark buildings or buildings within Historic Districts are eligible to apply for use and bulk waivers pursuant to Section 74-711 of the Zoning Resolution.

There are no capital improvements in the vicinity of the historic district that would conflict with the amendment to this designation.

The subject landmark designation amendment does not conflict with the Zoning Resolution, projected public improvements or any plans for development, growth, improvement or renewal in the vicinity of the landmark.

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