



CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

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IN THE MATTER OF a communication dated January 21, 2010 from the Executive Director of the Landmarks Preservation Commission regarding the landmark designation of the Mary and David Burgher House at 63 William Street (Block 514, Lot 30), by the Landmarks Preservation Commission on January 12, 2010 (Designation List No. 425/LP-2367), Borough of Staten Island, Community District 1.

Pursuant to Section 3020.8(b) of the New York 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 January 12, 2010, the Landmarks Preservation Commission (LPC) designated the Mary and David Burgher House located at 63 William Street (Block 514, Lot 30) as a city landmark.

The Mary and David Burgher House is a mid-19th Century vernacular Greek Revival style house located in the Stapleton section of Staten Island. The house was built in 1884, a time period where residential development in Stapleton grew quickly because of access to port and transportation facilities.

The Mary and David Burgher House represents a blend of both the Greek Revival style and the vernacular building style. Although the architect of the house is not known, this mix of vernacular and Greek Revival styles were very popular with Staten Island builders in the 1840s and 1850s. The house has a full-width, two-story style portico and historic six-over-six double hung wood windows and shutters common for the Greek Revival style. Other Greek Revival style elements include the elaborate first floor entry enframing, which is constructed of carved wood and composed of a paneled wood door, full-width multi-light transom and sidelights.

The house also has a spring eave, otherwise known as a “Dutch Colonial” that is common to the vernacular style. This type of overhang is rooted in Staten Island’s vernacular building tradition beginning in the late 17th Century. Additional vernacular style elements include the four Doric columns and the three-bay façade.

The landmark site is located in an R3X zoning district. Pursuant to Section 74-79 of the Zoning Resolution, transfer of development rights is not permitted for landmark sites located in R3X zoning districts. 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 projected public improvements or plans for development, growth, improvement, or renewal in the vicinity of the landmark building.

The subject landmark designation 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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