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THE NEXT PANYC MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR:
 Wednesday 24 September 1980, 7:30 P.M.
 Room 608 Schermerhorn
 Columbia University

Material for inclusion in the PANYC Newsletter should be sent to Joel I. Klein,
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MINUTES OF PANYC GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

21 May 1980

501 Schermerhorn, Columbia University

Solecki called the meeting to order at 7:45 p.m.

Salwen reported on current U.S. Senate issues affecting archaeology. PANYC voted to send public opinion telegrams to Senator Jackson and Congressman Yates urging support of the Heritage Bill; requesting reauthorization of the 1966 National Historic Preservation Act; and requesting resotation of the cut Historic Restoration Fund. Copies were also sent to Senators Javits and Moynihan.

Salwen reported on the two meetings of the Research and Planning Committee. Their goal is for a long range plan for preservation and management rather than a site by site approach. The Committee presented a shematized ideal model for a Preservation Plan and suggested the tip of Manhattan and rural Staten Island as two trial areas where the plan could be initially implemented. They suggest that implementation of the plan may be too big a job for PANYC but that we could set the ground work for such a plan. The membership passed a motion that the Committee on Research and Planning proceed and suggest ways to implement the idealized preservation plan in New York City.

Jacobson reported that the Action Committee confronted 16 situations (10 on Staten Island; 3 in Manhattan; 2 in the Bronx; and 1 in Queens). Areas facing greatest threat right now are Ward's Point Burial Ridge Area, Staten Island, and Pell-Bartow, Bronx. A letter was sent to the Parks Commissioner and copies sent to his superior Mayor Koch and Borough Preseident Stanley Simon re the City's responsibilities for Pell-Bartow mansion.

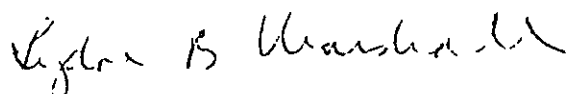
An agreement was made with the lawyers involved in sale of the land where the Gifford's Lane site is located in Staten Island. The agreement would allow archaeological investigation of the site prior to the sale of the land. Unfortunately, the timing fot the planned investigation coincided with the NY City Transit strike.

Mention was made of an invitation for an archaeologist to investigate a block of land purchased by the Salvation Army in Harlem prior to construction.

The next PANYC meeting was set for September 24.

This meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Sydne B. Marshall
Secretary, PANYC

PRESS RELEASE ISSUED BY THE COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY OFFICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION

Every year, dump trucks consign to oblivion many of New York City's historical treasures. To stem this great loss, archaeologists headquartered at Columbia University have banded together in a group called PANYC.

In an introductory letter to officials in government, museums and historic preservation societies, PANYC (Professional Archaeologists of New York City) has offered volunteer assistance and advice on the preservation of historic sites threatened by new construction or renovation.

The organization's aim, the letter states, is to promote "the preservation and interpretation of the archaeological and historical heritage of our great city." To that end, its members have identified sites -- in Tottenville, Staten Island, Manhattan's South Street Seaport historic district, and Pelham Bay in the Bronx, among others -- requiring immediate attention before they are haplessly destroyed by the construction of highways and high-rise towers or the looting of treasure hunters.

PANYC's membership consists of 17 professional archaeologists from New York educational institutions, the Archaeological Institute of America and several local private firms involved in making archaeological impact studies. Its officers are:

-- Ralph Solecki, president, professor of anthropology at Columbia;

-- Lyn Ceci, vice-president, assistant professor of anthropology at Queens College;

-- Sydne Marshall, secretary, a doctoral student in anthropology at Columbia, and

-- Arthur Bankoff, treasurer, assistant professor of anthropology at Brooklyn College.

Members of the organization's executive board are Bert Salwen of New York University, Joel Klein of the Envirosphere Company, Nan Rothchild of Hunter College, Jerome Jacobson of City College and Anne-Marie Cantwell of Rutgers University.

While Rome, London and Mexico City have had archaeological preservation programs for years, Professor Solecki said, New York, a city layered with Indian, Colonial and later ruins, has no local laws to protect its underground "landmarks" and buried clues to its past economic and social life.

Professor Solecki is presently serving as a consultant to a city construction project in the historic Fulton Ferry district of Brooklyn, where he has unearthed a Hessian helmet plate, one of three such known relics from the War for Independence, and some oyster shells and other remains of "archaeological worth" from the same era, including the foundation wall and basement floor of a building, dating from 1700, that probably served as a ferry house and tavern. Other members of PANYC are directing the most extensive excavations yet made in what was Manhattan's original Nieuw Amsterdam settlement and city hall in the area that today includes the South Street Seaport complex.

PANYC's first official recommendations were made recently to the City's Department of Parks regarding the endangered Bartow-Pell mansion site in the Bronx. Thomas Pell bought the original 9,100-acre parcel of land along Long Island Sound from the Siwanoy

Indians in 1654 and received a charter in 1666 from King Charles II to create the Manor of Pelham there. The neoclassic mansion on the site today was built between 1836 and 1842 for Robert Bartow, a Pell descendant.

According to Professor Solecki, amateur diggers excavated pre-Revolutionary War era remains on the site last summer, disturbing its archaeological and historical integrity and removing valuable artifacts. He and members of PANYC's executive board have recommended that the Park Service close off the site until professional archaeologists can formulate a plan for its long-term protection and preservation.

"Our guiding principle," Professor Solecki said, "is to ensure that sites already under protective jurisdiction stay protected, while we direct our attention to sites that are immediately threatened. PANYC needs to establish a preservation atmosphere through its own activities in this city."

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PROFESSIONAL ARCHAEOLOGISTS OF NEW YORK CITY

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Professional Archaeologists of New York City (PANYC) is a new organization of local archaeologists dedicated to the preservation and interpretation of the archaeological and historical heritage of our great city. We are a volunteer, nonprofit group concerned with the protection and proper treatment of archaeological resources here.

We would like to see New York City use its archaeological heritage to enhance a local sense of history and community pride. This has been done successfully not only in such international centers as Rome, London, and Mexico City, but also in such cities in the United States as Alexandria, Philadelphia, and Boston, to name a few. Certainly New York can show its natural enterprise in establishing archaeological preservation in our city for the benefit of future New Yorkers and the city's many international visitors.

We would like to offer our services on a volunteer basis to advise on any archaeological issues which may arise in the course of your job. We hope that you will contact us and we will be pleased to assist you.

Please feel free to contact PANYC members care of the Department of Anthropology, Columbia University, at (212) 280-4562 or 280-4552. Together we can work to preserve the heritage of one of the world's most vital cultural centers.

Sincerely yours,

Ralph Solecki

Ralph Solecki, Ph.D.
President, PANYC

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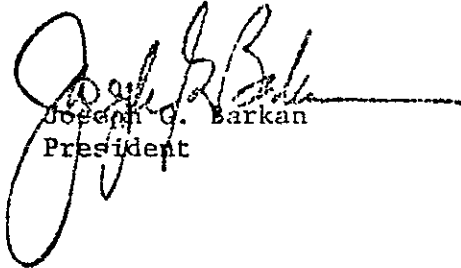
Ralph Solecki, Ph.D.
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Dear Dr. Solecki:

Thank you for your letter of August 4 in which you offer the services of your organization to assist in enriching the study of the history and of the heritage of New York City.

I have forwarded your letter to our Division of Curriculum and Instruction for their consideration.

Sincerely,


Joseph G. Barkan
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August 13, 1980

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Dear Dr. Solecki:

Thanks for letting me know about PANYC. I appreciate your
offer of assistance.

Sincerely,


Carol Bellamy

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Ralph Solecki, Ph.D.
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Dear Dr. Solecki:

We have your letter of August 4, 1980 and would be pleased to take advantage of your kind offer of assistance in the event materials of historical value are found when carrying out the work of this department.

Very truly yours,

ARTHUR ASSERSON, P.E.
Assistant Commissioner



HOWARD GOLDEN
PRESIDENT

The City of New York
President of the Borough of Brooklyn

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August 14, 1980

Mr. Ralph Solecki, Ph.D.,
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Dear Dr. Solecki:

I have your letter of August 4, 1980 describing the creation of Professional Archaeologists of New York City.

As you may be aware, I have been deeply involved with promoting local Brooklyn history during my tenure as Borough President.

I have taken the liberty of forwarding a copy of your letter to Doctor Donald Simon, Chairperson of my History Advisory Committee. I have requested Doctor Simon to keep you informed of my History Advisory Committee's activities.

We look forward to working with you in the future.

Sincerely,

Howard Golden

STATEMENT BY SENATOR DANIEL PATRICK MOYNIHAN BEFORE THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON
APPROPRIATIONS OF THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, 14 MAY 1980

I thank you for affording me the opportunity to state my opposition to the cuts proposed by the Administration in the Historic Preservation Fund administered by the Department of the Interior. In the past few weeks, I have received close to two dozen letters from state and local officials and private citizens of New York on this subject. They are unanimous in their opposition to the magnitude of the cuts proposed both in this fiscal year and in fiscal year 1981.

I know that I need not tell this subcommittee or its distinguished chairman of the importance of preserving the architectural legacy of this country. Preservation of our significant architecture is not some backward-looking, sentimental reaction. It must never spring from the fear that the future will be worse than the past, that the present has been out-thought by the past.

Preservation in its best sense springs from a sense that howsoever excellent the present, and promising the future, there are certain things we aren't going to do any more and which we ought to keep hold of because we did them so well. And, of course, many of those things can still be put to excellent use, and we can ill afford to waste our time and resources replacing that which we already have.

I can tell you that in my responsibilities on the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works, for which I am in charge of overseeing the public buildings program of the General Services Administration, I have witnessed

increased--and successful--renovation and re-use by the Government of its own historic buildings. We have drafted a new Public Buildings Act, which we shall report to the Senate tomorrow, that will expand the adaptive use program of the GSA.

How ironic that just as the Federal bureaucracy awakens to the benefits of preservation in its own interests, the Administration virtually puts to sleep the Government's assistance to private preservation efforts. Particularly unfair, in my opinion, is the President's proposed rescission of \$16.5 million of FY 80 funds, to be taken from the states' grant-in-aid programs. Projects that had already been notified that they had been selected to receive some of these grants are now being told that their selection was honorific, that no funds will follow. Needless to say, a grant award letter without the grant is an empty honor.

It is necessary for us to reduce the Government's spending in the fiscal year beginning in October. I am impressed that most of my constituents tell me that they understand that, and that they would understand as well a fair reduction in historic preservation funding. What the President has proposed in his revised budget request, however, is a reduction of close to two-thirds from the preservation budget for this year.

This disproportionate reduction I urge you not to accede to. It will drive us further away from the best in our past and diminish our legacy to the future. Such an action leaves us not an austere, but rather an impoverished present.

The following properties were nominated to the National Register of Historic Places between 1 January and 31 August 1980:

- New York County*
- New York, *St. Andrew's Episcopal Church*, 2007 5th Ave.
- New York, *East 78th Street Houses*, 157-165 E. 78th St.
- New York, *Eldridge Street Synagogue*, 12-18 Eldridge St.
- New York, *Former Police Headquarters Building*, 240 Centre St.
- New York, *McGraw-Hill Building*, 326 W. 42nd St.
- New York, *Roosevelt. Sara Delano, Memorial House*, 47 and 49 E. 65th St.
- New York, *Church of the Immaculate Conception and Clergy House*, 406-414 E. 14th St.
- New York, *Harvard Club of New York City*, 27 W. 44th St.
- New York, *American Fine Arts Society*, 215 W. 57th St.
- New York, *American Radiator Building*, 40-52 W. 40th St.
- New York, *Audubon Terrace Historic District*, Bounded by Broadway, Riverside Dr., W. 155th and W. 156th Sts.
- New York, *Bailey House*, 10 St. Nicholas Pl.
- New York, *Battery Park Control House (Interborough Rapid Transit Subway Control Houses Thematic Resources)* State St. and Battery Pl.
- New York, *Belnord Apartments*, 225 W. 86th St.
- New York, *Bouwerie Lane Theater*, 330 Bowery St.
- New York, *Bowery Savings Bank*, 130 Bowery St.
- New York, *Bowling Green Fence and Park*, Broadway and Beaver Sts.
- New York, *Building at 45 East 66th Street*.
- New York, *Building at 85 Leonard Street*.
- New York, *Chanin Building*, 122 E. 42nd St.
- New York, *Chapel of the Intercession Complex and Trinity Cemetery*, 550 W. 155th St.
- New York, *Church of Notre Dame and Rectory*, 405 W. 114th St. and 40 Morningside Dr.
- New York, *Church of St. Ignatius Loyola Complex*, Park Ave., 83rd and 84th Sts.
- New York, *Church of the Holy Communion and Buildings*, 656-662 6th Ave.
- New York, *Church of the Transfiguration*, 25 Mott St.
- New York, *Claremont Stables (Claremont Riding Academy)* 173-177 W. 89th St.
- New York, *Control House on 72nd Street (Interborough Rapid Transit Subway Control Houses Thematic Resources)* W. 72nd St. and Broadway.
- New York, *Federal Reserve Bank of New York*, 33 Liberty St.
- New York, *First Shearith Israel Graveyard*, 55-57 St. James Pl.
- New York, *Hamilton Heights Historic District*, Roughly bounded by St. Nicholas and Amsterdam Aves., W. 145th and W. 140th Sts.
- New York, *Harlem Courthouse*, 170 E. 121st St.
- New York, *Houses at 83 and 85 Sullivan Street*.
- New York, *Knickerbocker Hotel*, 142 W. 42nd St.
- New York, *Lescaze House*, 211 E. 48th St.
- New York, *Marble Collegiate Reformed Church*, 275 5th Ave.
- New York, *Mariner's Temple*, 12 Oliver St.
- New York, *Municipal Asphalt Plant*, Between 90th and 91st Sts.
- New York, *New York City Marble Cemetery*, 52-74 E. 2nd St.
- New York, *New York Marble Cemetery*, Between E. 2nd and E 3rd Sts., 2nd Ave. and Bowery.
- New York, *New York Public Library, 115th Street Branch*, 203 W. 115th St.
- New York, *New York Public Library and Bryant Park*, Bounded by 40th and 42nd Sts., Avenue of the Americas and 5th Ave.
- New York, *No. 8 Thomas Street Building*, 8 Thomas St.
- New York, *Old Colony Club*, 120 Madison Ave.
- New York, *Old Grolier Club*, 29 E. 32nd St.
- New York, *Public Baths*, Asser Levy Pl. and E. 23rd St.
- New York, *Riverside-West 105th Street Historic District*, Roughly bounded by West End Ave., Riverside Dr., W. 104th and W. 106th Sts.
- New York, *St. Augustine's Chapel*, 290 Henry St.
- New York, *St. Bartholomew's Church and Community House*, 109 E. 50th St.
- New York, *St. Jean Baptiste Church and Rectory*, 1067-1071 Lexington Ave.
- New York, *St. Peter's Roman Catholic Church*, 22 Barclay St.
- New York, *St. Thomas Church and Parish House*, 1-3 W. 53rd St.
- New York, *Schinasi House*, 351 Riverside Dr.
- New York, *Scribner Building*, 153-157 5th Ave.
- New York, *Sea and Land Church*, 61 Henry St.
- New York, *Stuyvesant Square Historic District*, Roughly bounded by Nathan D. Perleman Pl., 3rd Ave., E. 18th and E. 15th Sts.
- New York, *Town Hall*, 113-123 W. 43rd St.
- New York, *Union Theological Seminary*, W. 120th St. and Broadway.
- New York, *University Club*, 1 W. 54th St.
- New York, *Waldo, Gertrude Rhinelander, Mansion* 867 Madison Ave.
- New York, *West End Collegiate Church and Collegiate School*, W. end Ave. and W. 77th St.
- New York, *West 76th Street Historic District*, W. 76th Street Historic District, W. 76th St. between Central Park West and Columbus Ave.
- New York, *Rice, Isoac L., Mansion (Villa Julia)* 346 W. 89th St.
- New York, *Holy Trinity Church, St. Christopher House and Parsonage*, 312-316, and 332 E. 88th St.

Bronx County

Bronx, *Poe Cottage*, 2640 Grand Concourse.

Bronx, *Bronx Central Annex-U.S. Post Office*, 558 Grand Concourse.

Bronx, *Fonthill Castle and the Administration Building of the College of Mount St. Vincent*, W. 261st St. and Riverdale Ave.

Bronx, *New York, Westchester and Boston Railroad Administration Building*, 481 Morris Park Ave.

Bronx, *St. Ann's Church Complex*, 295 St. Ann's Ave.

New York, *Mott Avenue Control House (Interborough Rapid Transit Subway Control Houses Thematic Resources)* 149th St. and Grand Concourse.

Kings County

Brooklyn, *Hanson Place Seventh Day Adventist Church*, 88 Hanson Pl.

Brooklyn, *Kings County Savings Bank*, 135 Broadway.

Brooklyn, *New Utrecht Reformed Church and Buildings*, 18th Ave. and 83rd St.

Brooklyn, *Monsignor McGolrick Park and Shelter Pavilion*, Bounded by Nassau and Driggs Ave., Russell and Monitor Sts.

Brooklyn, *Old Gravesend Cemetery*, Gravesend Neck Rd. and MacDonald Ave.

Brooklyn, *Park Slope Historic District*, Roughly bounded by Prospect Park West, Berkeley Pl., 15th St., 7th, 8th, and Flatbush Aves.

Brooklyn, *Prospect Park*, Bounded by Parkside, Ocean and Flatbush Aves., Prospect Park West and Park SW.

Brooklyn, *Russian Orthodox Cathedral of the Transfiguration of Our Lord*, 228 N. 12th St.

Brooklyn, *St. Bartholomew's Protestant Episcopal Church and Rectory*, 1227 Pacific St.

Brooklyn, *23rd Regiment Armory*, 1322 Bedford Ave.

Brooklyn, *Williamsburgh Savings Bank*, 175 Broadway.

New York, *Atlantic Avenue Control House (Interborough Rapid Transit Subway Control Houses Thematic Resources)* Flatbush and Atlantic Aves.

New York, *Parachute Jump*, Coney Island.

New York, *Public School 39*, 417 6th Ave.

Queens County

Elmhurst, *Reformed Church of Newtown Complex*, 85-15 Broadway.

New York, *First Reformed Church*, 153-10 Jamaica Ave.

Jamaica, *St. Monica's Church*, 9420 160th St.

Richmond County

Staten Island, *Elliott, Dr. Samuel MacKenzie House*, 69 Delafield Pl.

Staten Island, *Edgewater Village Hall and Tappen Park*, Bounded by Bay, Water, Wright and Canal Sts.

Staten Island, *Garibaldi Memorial*, 420 Tompkins Ave.

Staten Island, *Moore-McMillen House*, 3531 Richmond Rd.

Staten Island, *St. Paul's Memorial Church and Rectory*, 225 St. Paul's Ave.

Staten Island, *Seguine House*, 440 Seguine Ave.

Staten Island, *Ward, Caleb T., Mansion*, 141 Nixon Ave.

The following properties were declared eligible for the National Register between 1 January and 31 August 1980:

Kings County

Brooklyn, *Public School No. 37*, 83 S. 4th St. (1204.3).