

LPC's Consent Agenda

The Landmarks Preservation Commission always tries to reach its decisions promptly – to avoid unnecessary discussion and delay. Thus, the Commission established the “consent agenda” system.

The Commission's staff receives and reviews all matters to be placed on the Agenda for action by the LPC. Staff suggests which items are appropriate for approval by the Commission, *as submitted*, without a *need* for discussion before the vote to approve. These fall into two groups:

1. An item for which the only result of a positive vote by the Commission in *this* meeting will be to schedule the item for a public hearing at a *subsequent* meeting. These situations are:
 - a. a petition to delineate a County Historic District
 - b. a nomination to the Landmarks List, *submitted by the owner of the structure(s)*.
2. An application for a Historic Property Permit, where the application provides *all necessary information* to enable proper review *and* where the proposed work on the property *is* in accordance with the standards adopted by the Commission.

Thus, on the Preliminary Agenda, the items in these two kinds of situations are grouped for handling under item 2A, the “Consent Agenda.” When the meeting reaches item 2A, the Chairman will identify each Consent Agenda item and will ask whether anyone present wishes to speak *against* approval of any of these items (or whether any member of the Commission wishes to have discussion on the item before the vote).

If there is no objection, the Chairman will then accept a single motion for the approval of all the items as submitted (subject to any conditions which are suggested by the staff in the written recommendations in the Commissioners' notebooks and are announced by the Chairman). By a single vote, therefore, the Commission can approve all of these items at the same time without needing to take time for individual discussions and votes.