



Sarah Carroll  
Chair

July 7, 2025

Andrew Berman  
Village Preservation  
232 East 11<sup>th</sup> Street  
New York, NY 10003

Re: Tony Dapolito Recreation Center; 2-8 Seventh Avenue South, aka 1 Clarkson St.

Dear Mr. Berman:

I am writing in response to your letter of June 23, 2025, requesting that the Landmarks Preservation Commission issue a failure to maintain violation for the Tony Dapolito Recreation Center (the "Center") in the Greenwich Village Historic District Extension II. Based on our review, the New York City Department of Parks and Recreation ("NYC Parks") has acted as the Commission would like any property owner to behave once structural issues have been discovered, whether a private property owner or a city agency.

The Center, along with all other NYC Parks recreation centers, was closed in early 2020 during the COVID pandemic. Because the Center was closed, NYC Parks took the opportunity to undertake reconstruction of the Center. In late 2020 probes were performed and structural and façade issues discovered. An LPC approval for extensive work was issued in January 2023.

As work began, additional hidden pre-existing structural issues were discovered. In response, structural engineers including TYLin-Silman were brought in to assess the Center and a stabilization and monitoring plan was implemented. Shoring was installed inside the Center at localized areas, netting and scaffolding installed outside, and crack and optical monitoring began with real time monitoring in effect along with in-person inspections by NYC Parks engineers and an outside contactor, sometimes as often as daily. Because of these actions, the Center is currently stable. Having stabilized the building, NYC Parks is now considering next steps. No recent application has been filed with LPC.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sarah Carroll". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Sarah" and last name "Carroll" clearly distinguishable.

Sarah Carroll, Chair

cc:

City Councilmember Erik Bottcher  
Manhattan Community Board 2