

Landmark Backers Lose Bid

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The Board of Standards Appeals has voted 3 to 1 to grant a variance allowing the owners of the corner of Fifth Av. and 82d St. to build a 24-story apartment house without a garage.

Neighborhood residents and preservationists had fought the variance in the hope that a denial would delay the builders long enough for the Landmarks Preservation Commission to consider declaring the 82d St. block between Fifth and Madison an official landmark.

Although the delaying tactic did not succeed and two of the four Fifth Av. buildings are already demolished, preservationist forces are still hoping that landmark consideration will be given to the sidestreet when the Landmarks Commission holds its next hearings in July, 1973.

The corner parcel contains three Fifth Av. townhouses, one of which is still minimally occupied. A fourth building is at 2 E. 82d St. which is still fully tenanted. That building would have been the site of a garage driveway but is not needed for the actual construction of the building, most of which will be two-room apartments.

The land parcel—owned by the real estate complex of Sol Goldman and Alex DiLorenzo, one of the largest private landholders in the city—is zoned R-10, which means that a residential building larger than 10,000 square feet cannot be built without a garage. The square footage exceeds that amount by 54 feet.