1. **Welcome and Comments from the Chair**

The Committee will host an Open House for WSV and ST residents to see Gensler’s signage plan on November 30. The Committee plans to prepare a semi-annual report at the end of the semester covering signage and the improvements to the superblocks.

Given the warm fall, the Committee should assess how the policies, which were recommended and rolled-out last spring, are faring in practice. Maslon distributed an article about the interesting history of Bust of Sylvette, which was written by the Greenwich Village Society for Historic Preservation (GVSHP).

2. **Faculty Housing Update**

   Elevator work was discussed. Ways to speed up to project without incurring signification additional cost were discussed. Lynch let the Committee know Faculty Housing was finalizing a new Silver Towers’ plaza parking/unloading policy that will be presented at the next SSAC meeting. “No dog” signs were requested for the Bust of Sylvette traffic island once reseeding was complete. Faculty Housing to post signs. Donnelly reported the Harvest Festival event was a great success with more than 200 people in attendance. Upcoming events include a shredding event, which will be open to the neighborhood at large, a daffodil bulb planting event, and an indoor urban gardening event. Donnelly announced that surveys about programming and the lobby screens were distributed to WSV and ST residents.

3. **181 Mercer Street Update**

Brown reported excavation and the installation of foundation footings continue on site. During the public review of the minor modifications, the focus was on another issue, the placement of the C-Tower, which is the northernmost student housing tower and across Mercer Street from two residential
buildings. Brown confirmed the project is on time and on budget and noted that the minor modification does not impact current construction, but the final design.

There is a proposal to relocate the 181 Mercer Street Open House space to the Welcome Center at the corner of West 4th Street and Gould Plaza in order to locate the new Office of Work-Life Balance to the current ground floor space in 2WSV. Brown said the new location will be more visible and easier to find.

Gulino thanked the Committee for their vote and expressed excitement about the creation of the new Work-Life Balance Office, which will provide assistance with child care, elder care, financial planning, and other services for faculty and administrators. A search for an Executive Director is currently underway; the recruit is expected to begin after the holidays. The interim office will be located on Greene Street in the Diversity Office.

4. **Superblock Signage Design Update, Sophie Reid, Gensler**

Gensler presented design development to date with a focus on messaging. Committee members will receive copies of the verbiage to review independently. The Committee agreed that option 1; the thin, tall, monolith sign type was preferred, and this is the direction Gensler has continued developing. Recommendations were suggested in reference to sign icons, placement of information on the signs, color of the text, and tone.

Gensler will incorporate Braille on the destination signs. There was discussion about the use of a strong material that cannot be removed in public spaces. Gensler will identify a method suitable for exterior use. Gulino said this is a priority for the provost’s office and was happy to see Braille included in the signage plan.

Gensler reported that the team and NYU tested the signage design with the staff at the Landmarks Preservation Commission (LPC) and they were enthusiastic about the plan. They liked the monolith and the tie in to the original materiality of the Silver Towers buildings. The next step would be to formally submit an application for a full Commission review. The University will take the design through the LPC process following visits to the tenants associations and any additional comments from the Committee at the next meeting.