“My name is Marilyn Appleberg, and I am a forty-five year resident of the East Village. Preservation... was difficult, there was really no money down here. There were no famous names down here. No Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis. No organizations, like Greenwich Village Society or Historic Districts Council. The fact that the people who bought these houses and lived in these houses on Stuyvesant and 10th [Street] managed to do what they did is almost a miracle, because we really didn't get, as we were going along, any help from anyone.

The city administrations really saw this place—because of all the drugs and prostitution—prostitution that went on day and night. 11th Street was, even later on NYPD Blue, they called 11th Street 'The Stroll.' And no one picked up prostitutes on our street. They just consummated the business deal on our street. Sometimes during the day, against a wall."