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## The City of New York Manhattan Community Board 8 Landmarks Committee, Monday, Monday, March 16, 2015–6:30PM Ramaz Middle School, 114 East 85<sup>th</sup> Street, Auditorium

Present: Elizabeth Ashby, Michele Birnbaum, Christina Davis, David Helpern, David Liston, Marco Tamayo

Excused: Susan Evans

1. **36 East 68<sup>th</sup> Street (Madison/Park) - Upper East Side Historic District**-*Juan Matiz, Architect*-Neo-Grec style townhouse designed by R.W. Buckley and completed in 1879. Application is for work at the front elevation, rear elevation, roof, and courtyard.

**WHEREAS** the front façade of this brownstone building was modernized in 1932 by stripping the façade of its ornament and detail;

WHEREAS the front façade is currently finished with stucco;

**WHEREAS** the proposed front façade will be re-faced with limestone and the limestone on the first floor will be fluted:

**WHEREAS** the slate facing of the mansard roof at the façade, which is in poor condition, will be re-faced with copper;

**WHEREAS** the front entrance will be changed from a single door to a pair of doors and moved from the side to the center to create an overall symmetrical composition;

**WHEREAS** the front entrance doors and the fence at the front areaway are designed in an art deco style and the oval windows either side of the entrance doors are unresolved in their design;

WHEREAS the windows will have divided lites;

**WHEREAS** the decorative metal on the glass entrance doors, the metal of the fence, and the metal of the windows will be coated in a dark bronze color;

WHEREAS the angled roof will be lowered and made into a flat roof with a roof deck;

WHEREAS the new bulkhead stair and elevator bulkhead will be largely enclosed in glass and will be taller than the original bulkhead;

**WHEREAS** the new bulkhead will be invisible from the street because of the lower roof and the setback behind the parapet portion of the mansard roof;

WHEREAS the rooftop mechanical equipment will be located at the rear of the roof;

WHEREAS the brick façade of the rear of the house will be repaired;

**WHEREAS** the existing windows of varying sizes in the rear façade of the projected portion of the house will be replaced with windows of the same size centered in the facade on all habitable floors;

**WHEREAS** the curved metal and glass windows with metal fascias in the rear façade of the recessed portion of the house will be repaired;

WHEREAS the face of the angled slot opposite the curved windows will be faced with limestone;

**THEREFORE** be it resolved that this application is approved as presented inclusive of the limestone detailing over the front doors but exclusive of the first floor front façade and decorative metal fence.

**Vote:** 5 in favor (Birnbaum, Davis, Helpern, Liston, Tamayo)

1 opposed (Ashby)