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## The City of New York Manhattan Community Board 8

Landmarks Committee Marymount Manhattan College 221 East 71 Street Regina Peruggi Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor August 18, 2014

Present: Parshall, Davis, Ashby, Birnbaum, Helpern, Tamayo

Absent Excused: Evans, Slater, Liston

1. **2 East 61<sup>st</sup> Street (at 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue) [Pierre Hotel]** *Grace Rais, Austin Regan, David Kleinberg Design Associates.* Application is for a through-wall A/C louver.

**WHEREAS** 2 East 61<sup>st</sup> Street is a Beaux Arts style hotel designed by Schultze and Weaver, competed in 1930.

**WHEREAS** the applicant proposes to install a through-wall A/C louver at the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor; the louver would puncture the limestone wall replacing an existing window unit.

**WHEREAS** the proposed louver would not disturb the sill line and would match in materials other building approved through-wall A/C units.

**WHEREAS** the proposed louver is on an east facing wall; the window above the proposed louver looks out onto a terrace which is not used and is simply there as a light court (i.e., to provide light to the surrounding apartments).

**WHEREAS** the proposed louver is not visible from the public way; there is an existing balustrade higher than the elevation of the louver.

**WHEREAS** the proposed louver is appropriate within the historic district since it is not visible and is on the  $2^{nd}$  floor of the east elevation facing a terrace that presents as a light court and is not used by any tenants.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that this application is approved as presented.

**VOTE**: 6 in favor (Ashby, Birnbaum, Davis, Helpern, Parshall, Tamayo)