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The City of New York Manhattan Community Board 8

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Hon. Robert B. Tierney, Chair NYC Landmarks Preservation Commission Municipal Building One Centre Street, 9th Floor New York, NY 10007

Re: 105 East 73rd Street (between Lexington Avenue and Third Avenue – Upper East Side Historic District

Dear Chair Tierney:

At the Full Board meeting on Wednesday, April 16, 2014, the board adopted the following resolution regarding 105 East 73rd Street (between Lexington Avenue and Third Avenue – Upper East Side Historic District – *Jose Ramirez, Architect.* Application is for restoration work, a change to 2nd floor window at the front elevation, and changes to the curtain wall at west elevation and rear elevation

WHEREAS 105 East 63rd Street and its twin, 107 East 73rd Street, were designed by Thom and Wilson in a neo-Georgian style and completed in 18881-82; the present façade was designed by Grovesnor Atterbury and completed in 1903.

WHEREAS at the front, the applicant proposes to repoint and repair the street/front brick façade, return the front 2nd level window to the original Atterbury window, replace all other front elevation windows with in-kind wooden windows and repair all ironwork.

WHEREAS at the side or west elevation, the applicant proposes to repoint and repair brick façade as required and replace existing wooden windows with in-kind wooden windows.

WHEREAS at the side or west elevation, there is a service way/alley for the adjacent apartment building on Park Avenue; thus, the side or west elevation is highly visible from the public way.

WHEREAS the side or west elevation, the applicant proposes to extend or "bump out" two recesses between two existing additions to increase width of the building; to accommodate the "bump outs", there will be a new curtain wall from the 2^{nd} level to the bulkhead and a new curtain wall from the cellar level to the lst level towards the rear of the building.

WHEREAS the proposed "bump outs" will accommodate a proposed interior stairway; two recessed walls will be pulled out so that the plane of the west elevation is the same. The proposed bump-outs will be visible from the public way because of the adjacent service way. The proposed windows on the side elevation will match in detail the windows on the front elevation

WHEREAS at the rear, the applicant proposes to re-point and repair the rear brick façade and construct a new curtain wall from the cellar level to the 1st level at the rear façade (as part of the accommodation for the new proposed interior stairway).

WHEREAS at the rear elevation, the proposed new curtain wall from the cellar level to the 1st level is needed to accommodate the stairwell (see above).

WHEREAS at the rear, there will be larger windows at the ground and cellar levels; the details of these windows will mimic the details on the front elevation windows.

WHEREAS the proposed changes, including the bump outs at the west elevation and the return of the 2nd floor window to the original Atterbury design, are contextual and appropriate within the historic district.

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

This recommendation was approved by a vote of 36 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, and 0 not voting for cause.

Sincerely,

Vicholas Viest

Chair

David Helpern and Jane Parshall Co-Chairs, Landmarks Committee

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