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The City of New York Manhattan Community Board 8

July 22, 2015

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

Re: 1065 Park Avenue (between 87th and 88th Streets)-Park Avenue Historic District

Dear Chair Srinivasan:

At the Full Board meeting on Wednesday, July 15, 2015, the Full Board adopted the following resolution regarding 1065 Park Avenue (between 87th and 88th Streets)-Park Avenue Historic District-Gisue Hariri, Architect-Modern apartment building designed by Stephen C. Lyras and constructed in 1969-73. Application for plaza renovation

WHEREAS the existing plaza is set within an arcade;

WHEREAS the existing floor of the plaza and the planters have deteriorated and the floor of the plaza is leaking;

WHEREAS the planters are not part of the original design of the arcade and are not consistent with the modernist aesthetic;

WHEREAS the entrance opening for the building is small in proportion to the travertine wall;

WHEREAS a new floor and new planters will replace the existing floor and planters;

WHEREAS the new floor and planters will be three different kinds of limestone with a creamy light palette with a honed floor, horizontally raked planter walls, and textured planter copings;

WHEREAS the area of planters will be increased with a one foot high planter on Fifth Avenue and a two foot high planter set back within a one foot high planter on East 87th Street;

WHEREAS the new, larger planters will engage the columns of the arcade, consistent with the modernist aesthetic:

WHEREAS the two openings to the arcade will be maintained – with one on Fifth Avenue opposite the building entrance and one on East 87th Street;

WHEREAS the opening for the entrance to the building will be extended to the north and the new pair of doors set at the southern end of the opening opposite the southern portion of the opening between the Fifth Avenue planters, thereby creating an asymmetrical relationship with the columns and planters consistent with the modernist aesthetic;

WHEREAS the glazing for the entrance doors and windows in the entrance opening will be bronze, to contrast with the travertine walls and limestone floor and planters;

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

This recommendation was approved by a vote of 41 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, and 1 not voting for cause.

Sincerely.

James G. Clynes

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Honorable Gale Brewer, Manhattan Borough President
Honorable Liz Krueger, NYS Senator, 26th Senatorial District
Honorable Dan Quart, NYS Assembly Member, 73rd Assembly District
Honorable Ben Kallos, NYC Council Member, 5th Council District
Honorable Daniel Garodnick, NYC Council Member, 4th Council District