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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: 111-113 East 73rd Street (between Park Avenue and Lexington Avenue)-Upper East Side Historic District

Dear Chair Tierney:

At the Full Board meeting on Wednesday, October 15, 2014, the board adopted the following resolution regarding 111-113 East 73rd Street (between Park Avenue and Lexington Avenue)-Upper East Side Historic District-111 East 73rd Street has some Renaissance for and detail, designed by Gordon S. Parker and built in 1922; 113 East 73rd Street has an unknown style, designed by George B. Post & Sons in 1906-08. Application is to replace the facade at 113 East 73 Street and install new windows/doors at street level of the 111 E 73 Street building.

WHEREAS 111 and 113 East 72d Street are interconnected buildings used as a school;

WHEREAS the goal of the proposed changes is to create a more quiet façade on 113 and to better relate the buildings in style and proportion to provide a more cohesive identity for the school;

WHEREAS the change of a window to a door on the ground floor of 111 completes the symmetry of that building while providing a door that will improve the security for the school;

WHEREAS the late international style façade of 113 will be replaced with a façade with a limestone base to match the limestone of 111 and a buff colored brick façade compatible with the limestone for the second, third and fourth floors;

WHEREAS the base of 113 will have a new stoop and door and decorative bronze grillage;

WHEREAS the brick façade will have one over one double hung windows;

WHEREAS the top of the fourth floor of 111 will be lowered to align with the top of the fourth floor of 113:

WHEREAS the top floor of 111 will be clad in copper to match the copper cladding of the top floor of 113:

WHEREAS the fifth floor will have a row of windows echoing the rows of windows at 111 but without muntins;

WHEREAS there will be a decorative copper strip below the fifth floor windows of 113 reflecting the decorative strip below the fifth floor windows on 111;

WHEREAS the overall composition of the two buildings will be more reserved due to the changes in materials on 113 and the alignments of the base, middle, and top of each building with the other;

WHEREAS the proposed overall composition of the two buildings is contextual within the historic district;

This recommendation was approved by a vote of 39 in favor, 0 opposed,0 abstentions, and 0 not voting for cause.

Sincerely,

Nicholas Viest
Chair

David Helpern and Jane Parshall
Co-Chairs, Landmarks Committee

cc: Honorable Bill de Blasio, Mayor of the City of New York Honorable Gale Brewer, Manhattan Borough President Honorable Liz Krueger, NYS Senator, 26th Senatorial District

Honorable Micah Kellner, NYS Assembly Member, 76th Assembly 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