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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: 1185 Park Avenue (between 93rd and 94th Streets) – Expanded Carnegie Hill Historic District

Dear Chair Tierney:

At the Full Board meeting on Wednesday, May 22, 2013, the board adopted the following resolution regarding 1185 Park Avenue (between 93rd and 94th Streets) – Expanded Carnegie Hill Historic District - Ethelind Coblin, Architect – A Neo-Gothic style apartment building designed by Schwartz & Gross and built in 1928-29. Application is to replace the security guard booths.

WHEREAS the two existing security booths date from the 1950's;

WHEREAS the booths were built as temporary structures and have deteriorated;

WHEREAS the existing rectangular security booths detract from the architecture of the building, block the views of building columns, and are of different heights;

WHEREAS the proposed security booths are treated as independent structures that do not replicate but are sensitive to the architecture of the building;

WHEREAS the proposed security booths are symmetrical about the entrance;

WHEREAS the proposed security booths are oval in shape, which reveals the columns;

WHEREAS the heights of the proposed security booths are the same, slightly higher than the taller of the two existing booths;

WHEREAS the materials include a brushed absolute, black granite base, antique bronze mullions, white glass up to counter height, and clear glass above;

WHEREAS these materials complement the stone and metal gate materials at the entrance to the building;

WHEREAS the lighting within each booth will be a ribbon of LED fixtures recessed into coves at the perimeters so that the fixtures will not be visible;

WHEREAS the lighting will be a soft glow;

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

This recommendation was approved by a vote of 32 in favor, 1 opposed, 1 abstention, and 1 not voting for cause.

Sincerely,

Nicholas Viest

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