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The City of New York Manhattan Community Board 8

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

Re: 127 East 92nd Street-(between Park and Lexington Avenues)-Carnegie Hill Historic District

Dear Chair Srinivasan:

At the Full Board meeting on Wednesday, March 16, 2016, the board adopted the following resolution regarding 127 East 92nd Street-(between Park and Lexington Avenues)-Carnegie Hill Historic District- Walter Radtke, architect-Neo-Grec style rowhouse designed by C. Abbott French & Co. and constructed in 1886-87. Application for a row house renovation.

This application is divided in two parts.

Part A: Front Façade and Rooftop Addition

WHEREAS 127 East 92nd Street is a single family residence;

WHEREAS 127 East 92nd Street has a basement and three floors above grade;

WHEREAS a roof top addition will be set 10-0" back from the front facade of the house and 3'-0" back from the rear façade of the third floor;

WHEREAS the rooftop addition will be set behind the existing cornice and will not be visible from the street:

WHEREAS the front facade of the rooftop addition will be cement plaster to match the existing;

WHEREAS the front windows in the rooftop addition will be double hung wood windows with divided lights to match the character of the existing windows;

WHEREAS the rooftop addition is contextual and appropriate within the historic district;

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

Part B: Rear Addition

WHEREAS the house is 15-0" wide by 64'-4" long on the basement and first floor and 40'-9" long on the second and third floors;

WHEREAS the rear of the house has a courtyard to the west about half of the width of the house by a length of 10'-9";

WHEREAS the courtyard area of the basement is being filled in with an addition and the basement is being extended 7'-6" with an areaway into the rear yard;

WHEREAS the courtyard area of the first floor is being filled in with an addition;

WHEREAS the second floor is being extended from 40-9" to 64'-4" to match the length of the lower two floors:

WHEREAS the new façade will be cement plaster with a cream color;

WHEREAS the new windows will be wood windows with divided lights;
WHEREAS the addition of the second floor appears to have too much bulk;
WHEREAS the composition of the rear façade is unresolved with the proposed windows on the second floor appearing to be unrelated to the other windows despite the divided lights;
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Part B of this application is disapproved.

This recommendation was approved by a vote of 43 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, and 0 not voting for cause.

Sincerely,

James G. Clynes

Chairman

David Helpern + Jane Parshall

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 Dan Quart, NYS Assembly Member, 73rd Assembly District
Honorable Ben Kallos, NYC Council Member, 5th Council District
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