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The City of New York Manhattan Community Board 8

March 17, 2016

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

Re: 14 East 60th Street-(between Fifth and Madison Avenues)-Upper East Side Historic District

Dear Chair Srinivasan:

At the Full Board meeting on Wednesday, March 16, 2016, the board adopted the following resolution regarding **14 East 60th Street-(between Fifth and Madison Avenues)-Upper East Side Historic District-Ricardo Zurita, architect**-Beaux-Arts style hotel designed by R.C. Gildersleeve and constructed in 1902. Application for storefront renovation.

WHEREAS 14 East 60th Street has a rusticated base with recessed openings with windows and doors set in bronze frames;

WHEREAS AVRA Restaurant will renovate the six eastern bays of the base of the building;

WHEREAS the western bay is the entrance for the handicapped; whereas the third bay from the west is the main entrance; and whereas the four other bays are fixed glass windows;

WHEREAS the handicapped entrance has a glass door with a fixed glass side panel with bronze frames;

WHEREAS the handicapped entrance will be refurbished;

WHEREAS the main entrance has four steps leading up to the main entrance platform which is 2'-0" above the sidewalk;

WHEREAS the main entrance has a pair of glass doors with bronze frames that will be refurbished;

WHEREAS new metal railings will be built on either side of the steps to the main entrance platform;

WHEREAS the fixed glass windows will be replaced with pairs of in-swinging glass doors with bronze frames to match the existing bronze;

WHEREAS the main entrance has a curved metal and glass marquis similar to the metal and glass marquis to the east;

WHEREAS the windows will receive fabric awnings with wide stripes and the marquis will receive a fabric skirt with wide stripes to match the awnings;

WHEREAS the stripes will be "sand" and white;

WHEREAS the awnings will have the name of the restaurant on the face of and in the center of each canopy in small red letters;

WHEREAS the AVRA sign, with bronze letters, will be placed to the right of the main entrance doors at the same height as the "Georgette" sign for the restaurant in the eastern portion of the building;

WHEREAS the back lit, bronze framed, menu board will be placed below the sign at the same height as the menu board for the Georgette restaurant;

WHEREAS AVRA is applying for a small sidewalk café for tables of two and/or four along the face of the AVRA portion of the storefront;

WHEREAS two down lights will be mounted within each canopy and two down lights will be mounted within the skirt;

WHEREAS two up-light fixtures, one on each side of the marquis, will be installed to light the flag on the existing flag pole above;

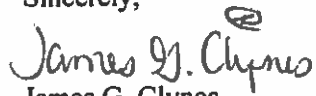
WHEREAS this balanced design is respectful of the existing architecture and storefront materials;


WHEREAS the new storefront elements 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 32 in favor, 11 opposed, 0 abstentions, and 0 not voting for cause.

Sincerely,


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Chairman


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
Honorable Daniel Garodnick, NYC Council Member, 4th Council District