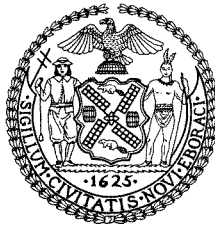


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## The City of New York Manhattan Community Board 8

June 19, 2014

Hon. Robert B. Tierney, Chair  
NYC Landmarks Preservation Commission  
Municipal Building  
One Centre Street, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor  
New York, NY 10007

**Re: 15 East 90<sup>th</sup> Street (between Fifth and Madison)-Carnegie Hill Historic District**

Dear Chair Tierney:

At the Full Board meeting on Wednesday, June 18, 2014, the board adopted the following resolution regarding **15 East 90<sup>th</sup> Street (between Fifth and Madison)-Carnegie Hill Historic District-Kurt Hirschberg, Architect**-A Neo-Georgian style building designed by Mott B. Schmidt and built in 1927-28. Application to correct violation received from a Landmarks Preservation Commission for work done at front elevation without the required permit.

**WHEREAS** 15 East 90<sup>th</sup> Street is a neo-Georgian style building designed by Mott B. Schmidt and constructed in 1927-28.

**WHEREAS** the application is to legalize painting done in the early 1980s without Landmarks Commission approval.

**WHEREAS** the masonry elements at 15 East 90<sup>th</sup> Street are of a porous, soft marble.

**WHEREAS** various masonry elements at 15 East 90<sup>th</sup> Street including the portico, cornice, window surrounds, balustrade, string course were painted to prevent further deterioration of the existing masonry over 30 years ago. [The deterioration of the masonry prompted the application of the paint as a protective measure.]

**WHEREAS** any type of removal of the existing paint would damage and/or increase damage to the masonry beneath

**WHEREAS** the applicant now proposes to clean and prepare existing portico and all other painted masonry elements for repainting with 2 coats of breathable masonry paint.

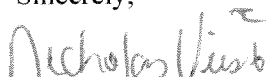
**WHEREAS** the proposed color of the new paint will more accurately replicate the original stone elements that were never painted.

**WHEREAS** the proposed repainting is a reasonable solution that will approximate the original color of the masonry elements; otherwise, the masonry elements would have to be replaced because of continued deterioration.

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

*This recommendation was approved by a vote of 38 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstention, and 0 not voting for cause.*

Sincerely,

  
Nicholas Viest  
Chair

  
David Helpen and Jane Parshall  
Co-Chairs, Landmarks Committee

cc: Honorable Bill de Blasio, Mayor of the City of New York  
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