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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: 210 East 62nd Street (between 2nd and 3rd Avenues)- Treadwell Farm Historic District

Dear Chair Srinivasan:

At the Full Board meeting on Wednesday, March 16, 2016, the board adopted the following resolution regarding 210 East 62nd Street (between 2nd and 3rd Avenues)—Treadwell Farm Historic District—Keitao Nei, architect. Application is for restoration work at the front elevation, a one-story addition and for a new rear elevation.

THIS APPLICATION IS DIVIDED INTO TWO PARTS: PART A – RESTORATION WORK AT FRONT ELEVATION AND THE ONE STORY-ADDITION; PART B – THE NEW REAR EXTENSION/ELEVATION. (The applicant did not bring drawings for the committee members.)

PART A - RESTORATION WORK AT FRONT ELEVATION AND THE ONE STORY ADDITION

WHEREAS 210 East 62nd Street is a French Second Empire-style brownstone designed by F. S. Barns and constructed in 1870.

WHEREAS the applicant proposes a full restoration of the street façade, including a restoration of the brownstone coating, the historic window surrounds the restoration of the cornice among other restoration work. WHEREAS the applicant proposes to modify/lower the areaway by excavating below grade and adding a skylight to the level below and reinstalling the black wrought-iron fence.

WHEREAS at the roof, the applicant proposes a one story addition approximately 13' high, 28' long and 18' wide and set back 30' from the front elevation and 6' back from the new proposed rear extension [See below] WHEREAS the one story addition at the roof will not be visible along 62nd Street but will be partially visible from 3rd Avenue at 62nd Street. [Approximately 6' of the addition will be visible from this angle.] WHEREAS the restoration work at the front and the minimally visible glass roof—top addition are appropriate within the historic district.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Part A of this application –the restoration work at the front elevation and the roof-top addition – are approved as presented.

This recommendation was approved by a vote of 41 in favor, 2 opposed, 0 abstentions, and 0 not voting for cause.

PART B: The rear extension/elevation

WHEREAS at the rear, there will also be a new extension that will extend 17' into the rear yard and will extend up 4 stories to the roof line. [the full envelope of the house will be increased by 17'.]
WHEREAS at the rear, a 30' rear yard will be maintained.

WHEREAS the applicant proposes a glass layer for the entire new 4-story rear elevation

WHEREAS the applicant proposes a powder-coated steel shutter system in front of the glass.

WHEREAS the individual shutters of the powder coated steel shutter system will have perforations that will be shaped like leaves – the density change in the perforations will echo the old windows; the perforations will have a filtered lantern effect as the light goes through them.

WHEREAS the shades will present as bifold shades/accordion doors when open with each panel 3' wide; when the shutters are folded out, they will each extend out 3'.

WHEREAS there are three balconies at the rear with glass railings; each balcony will be painted in a different pastel color.

WHEREAS the extension will have zinc panels on each side.

WHEREAS the proposed new rear elevation presents as a modern work of art or sculpture and is very unusual.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Part B of this application – the rear extension/rear elevation – be approved as presented.

This recommendation was approved by a vote of 22 in favor, 15 opposed, 6 abstentions, and 0 not voting for cause.

Sincerely,

James &. Clynes

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Chairman

David Helpern and Jane Parshall

Co-Chairs, Landmarks Committee

cc:

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