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The City of New York Manhattan Community Board 8

June 17, 2010

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

Re: 211 East 61st Street (between 2nd and 3rd Avenues) Treadwell Farms Historic District

Dear Chair Tierney:

At the Full Board meeting on Wednesday, June 16, 2010, the board adopted the following resolution regarding **211 East 61st Street (between 2nd and 3rd Avenues) Treadwell Farms Historic District - Mr. Todd Wilson, Architect** – Application is for a façade renovation.

WHEREAS 211 East 61st Street is a three-story house constructed by A & A Bussell in 1875.

WHEREAS 211 East 61st Street underwent a complete façade renovation in 1961-62.

WHEREAS the applicant now plans to renovate the stucco facing over the original brownstone, replace windows, flower boxes and ornamental iron work (at the windows, at the bay and at fence at the ground level) as part of a proposed façade renovation.

WHEREAS the exterior stucco finish would be scored to resemble limestone blocks with limestone trim around the windows.

WHEREAS the new bay would be painted metal with a zinc roof.

WHEREAS two portal windows at the ground level on either side of the entrance would be retained.

WHEREAS the new windows would be 6 over 6 windows.

WHEREAS the new balconies would be Juliet balconies within the window trim.

WHEREAS the cornice would be replaced with a new cornice that would replicate the original cornice and match the cornice on the building next door.

WHEREAS the façade renovation, including the proposed design for the iron work and the proposed new 6 over 6 windows, is not contextual within the Treadwell Farm Historic District and does not reflect in any way the original brownstone or the 1961-62 renovation.

WHEREAS the two portico windows being retained at the ground level are inappropriate within the historic district.

WHEREAS the only aspect of the proposed façade renovation that reflects the original design of the house is the cornice restoration which will mirror the original cornice and the cornice of the adjoining building.

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

This resolution was approved by a vote of 31 in favor, 9 opposed and 1 abstention

Sincerely,

Jacqueline Ludorf

Jane Parshall and David Liston

Chair

Co-Chairs, Landmarks Committee

cc: Hon. Michael Bloomberg, Mayor of the City of New York
Hon. Scott M. Stringer, Manhattan Borough President
Hon. Liz Krueger, NYS Senate Member
Hon. Jonathan Bing, NYS Assembly Member
Hon. Micah Kellner, NYS Assembly Member
Hon. Daniel Garodnick, NYC Council Member
Hon. Jessica Lappin, NYC Council Member
Todd Wilson, Architect