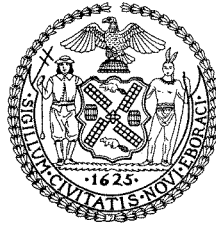


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## The City of New York Manhattan Community Board 8

May 22, 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: 34 East 68<sup>th</sup> Street (between Park and Madison)-Upper East Side Historic District**


Dear Chair Tierney:


At the Full Board meeting on Wednesday, May 21, 2014, the board adopted the following resolution regarding **34 East 68<sup>th</sup> Street (between Park and Madison)-Upper East Side Historic District-Michael Chen, Architect**-A Neo-Grec style building designed by R.W. Buckley and built in 1879. Application to amend the original LPC approval for the renovation of the front façade.

**WHEREAS** 34 East 68<sup>th</sup> Street received a Certificate of Appropriateness in December, 2012;  
**WHEREAS** the restoration of the brownstone front façade was approved with brownstone stucco;  
**WHEREAS** it was found at the start of construction that the finish on the original brownstone was an elastomeric paint and not brownstone stucco;  
**WHEREAS** the elastomeric paint is peeling and not an appropriate surface on which to apply stucco;  
**WHEREAS** a sounding of the facade found that 90% of the original brownstone had eroded to depths ranging from ½" to 2".  
**WHEREAS** the deteriorated brownstone cannot serve as the base for resurfacing with stucco;  
**WHEREAS** terra cotta has been used to simulate brownstone;  
**WHEREAS** terra cotta is a durable product and is being used on the rear of the house;  
**WHEREAS** terra cottas is an appropriate material for use in the historic district;  
**WHEREAS** terra cotta will replace and replicate the deteriorated brownstone on the front façade;  
**THEREFORE** be it resolved that this application is approved as presented.

*This recommendation was approved by a vote of 45 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, 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  
Honorable Gale Brewer, Manhattan Borough President  
Honorable Liz Krueger, NYS Senator, 26<sup>th</sup> Senatorial District  
Honorable Micah Kellner, NYS Assembly Member, 76<sup>th</sup> Assembly District  
Honorable Dan Quart, NYS Assembly Member, 73<sup>rd</sup> Assembly District  
Honorable Ben Kallos, NYC Council Member, 5<sup>th</sup> Council District  
Honorable Daniel Garodnick, NYC Council Member, 4<sup>th</sup> Council District