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The City of New York Manhattan Community Board 8

March 20, 2015

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

Re: 36 East 68th Street (Madison/Park) - Upper East Side Historic District

Dear Chair Srinivasan:

At the Full Board meeting on Wednesday, March 18, 2015, the board adopted the following resolution regarding **36 East 68th Street (Madison/Park) - Upper East Side Historic District**-*Juan Matiz, Architect*-Neo-Grec style townhouse designed by R.W. Buckley and completed in 1879. Application is for work at the front elevation, rear elevation, roof, and courtyard.

WHEREAS the front façade of this brownstone building was modernized in 1932 by stripping the façade of its ornament and detail;

WHEREAS the front façade is currently finished with stucco;

WHEREAS the proposed front façade will be re-facéd with limestone and the limestone on the first floor will be fluted;

WHEREAS the slate facing of the mansard roof at the façade, which is in poor condition, will be re-facéd with copper;

WHEREAS the front entrance will be changed from a single door to a pair of doors and moved from the side to the center to create an overall symmetrical composition;

WHEREAS the front entrance doors and the fence at the front areaway are designed in an art deco style and the oval windows either side of the entrance doors are unresolved in their design;

WHEREAS the windows will have divided lites;

WHEREAS the decorative metal on the glass entrance doors, the metal of the fence, and the metal of the windows will be coated in a dark bronze color;

WHEREAS the angled roof will be lowered and made into a flat roof with a roof deck;

WHEREAS the new bulkhead stair and elevator bulkhead will be largely enclosed in glass and will be taller than the original bulkhead;

WHEREAS the new bulkhead will be invisible from the street because of the lower roof and the setback behind the parapet portion of the mansard roof;

WHEREAS the rooftop mechanical equipment will be located at the rear of the roof;

WHEREAS the brick façade of the rear of the house will be repaired;

WHEREAS the existing windows of varying sizes in the rear façade of the projected portion of the house will be replaced with windows of the same size centered in the facade on all habitable floors;

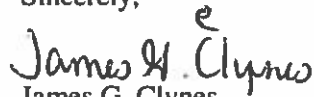
WHEREAS the curved metal and glass windows with metal fascias in the rear façade of the recessed portion of the house will be repaired;

WHEREAS the face of the angled slot opposite the curved windows will be faced with limestone;

THEREFORE be it resolved that this application is approved as presented inclusive of the limestone detailing over the front doors but exclusive of the first floor front façade and decorative metal fence.

This recommendation was approved by a vote of 29 in favor, 3 opposed, 3 abstentions, and 0 not voting for cause.

Sincerely,


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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, 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