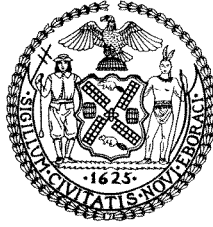


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The City of New York Manhattan Community Board 8

October 20, 2014

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

Re: 39 East 72nd Street (Park Avenue and Madison Avenue)-Upper East Side Historic District

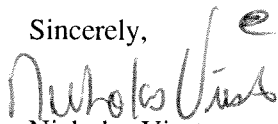
Dear Chair Tierney:

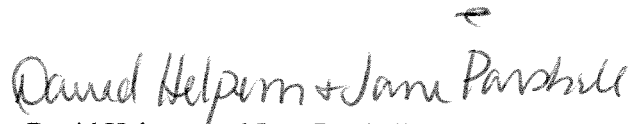
At the Full Board meeting on Wednesday, October 15, 2014, the board adopted the following resolution regarding **39 East 72nd Street (Park Avenue and Madison Avenue)-Upper East Side Historic District– Rachel Frigens, Architect**- neo-Grec style, designed by Robert B. Lynd and built in 1881-82. Application is for façade work and a rooftop addition.

WHEREAS 39 East 72nd Street was stripped of its stoop and much of its detail;
WHEREAS 39 East 72nd Street and 41 East 72nd Street were built, essentially, as twin buildings;
WHEREAS 39 East 72nd Street is being repurposed and altered with new floor to floor heights and a new façade;
WHEREAS 39 East 72nd Street is being faced with sandstone and not brownstone, which was the original façade material;
WHEREAS the sandstone material is the wrong color and is not a material that is an appropriate replacement for brownstone;
WHEREAS windows at 39 East 72nd Street will no longer align with windows at 41 East 72nd Street;
WHEREAS the new entrance is centered on the building and not located to the side as originally designed;
WHEREAS the new entrance, which will be at grade, changes the proportioning of the base of the building in a manner that is unrelated to its original and current entrance elevations and to its neighbor at 41 East 72nd Street, is unrelated in its architectural language to its original neo-Grec design and to the design of its neighbor at 41 East 72nd Street; and is too imposing;
WHEREAS the mansard and penthouse addition are too massive; overpower the building; are unrelated to 41 East 72nd Street, and are not related to the neo-Grec style;
WHEREAS the proposed overall design of the alterations is not contextual within the historic district;
THEREFORE be it resolved that this application is **disapproved** as presented.

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

Sincerely,


Nicholas Viest
Chair


David Helpem 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 Micah Kellner, NYS Assembly Member, 76th Assembly 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