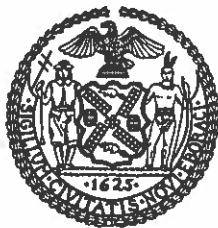


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The City of New York Manhattan Community Board 8

October 22, 2015

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

Re: 412 East 85th Street

Dear Chair Srinivasan:

At the Full Board meeting on Wednesday, October 21, 2015, the board adopted the following resolution regarding the De Vito House -- which is being considered for individual Landmarks Designation. The Landmarks Preservation Commission will hold a public hearing on the backlog of buildings in the Borough of Manhattan on November 12, 2015; this rare wooden house is the only property in the backlog that is within Community Board #8. The Landmarks Committee passed the following resolution in support of landmarking.

WHEREAS 412 East 85th Street is one of a handful of wooden pre-Civil War era structures to survive not just in Yorkville, but in New York City.


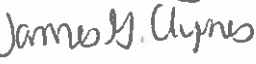
WHEREAS 412 East 85th Street is the only vernacular frame house in Yorkville and the 2nd oldest on the Upper East Side.

WHEREAS 412 East 85th Street serves as a reminder of Yorkville's agrarian past, it's shift to a neighborhood of manufacturing and laborers after the Civil War to a community for a diverse range of immigrants in the late 19th century.

WHEREAS 412 East 85th Street has served as a farmhouse, a Civil War hospital, a tombstone manufacturer, a rooming house and a private home.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Landmarks Committee of Community Board #8 supports the designation of 412 East 85th Street as an INDIVIDUAL LANDMARK.

This recommendation was approved by a vote of 40 in favor, 4 opposed, 0 abstentions, and 0 not voting for cause.

Sincerely, 

James G. Clynes
Chairman



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
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