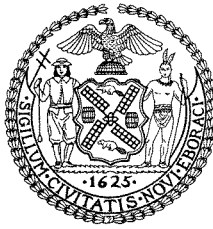


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The City of New York Manhattan Community Board 8

May 22, 2014

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

Re: 605 Park Avenue (between East 64th and East 65th Streets)-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 **605 Park Avenue (between East 64th and East 65th Streets)-Upper East Side Historic District-Barry Rice, Architect-No-Style Building** designed by Sylvan Bien, and built in 1953-54. Application to make exterior renovations.

WHEREAS 605 Park Avenue is a white brick apartment building designed by Sylvan Bien and constructed in 1953-54

WHEREAS through the years many of the original open terraces both at the corners of the building and at the front of the building have been enclosed, but in an inconsistent manner.

WHEREAS the applicant proposes that all the balconies be enclosed including the remaining open ones; a combination of aluminum and bronze will be used on the enclosures.

WHEREAS the windows on the now-enclosed balconies will be aluminum; sitting in front of the aluminum a vestige of the original balcony will be represented in bronze to replicate the original profile of both the balcony and the building itself.

WHEREAS at the 2-story base of the building, currently clad in black granite, there are recessed (by 5') storefront windows with columns in front.

WHEREAS the applicant proposes to reclad the base in limestone and to bring the recessed windows forward to engage the existing columns -- the columns will now read as pilasters.

WHEREAS the new windows at the base and the entry door will be made of bronze.

WHEREAS the applicant proposes to replace the rest of the windows with in-kind aluminum windows.

WHEREAS the A/C and heating unit grills for the apartments are irregular in shape and have been added to over the years; to create uniformity and symmetry, the applicant proposes to replace all existing grills with slightly larger bronze grills that will be exactly centered beneath with the windows above.

WHEREAS a new, more distinctive canopy will be added at the entrance

WHEREAS the changes proposed by the applicant will give elegance and symmetry to an otherwise undistinguished building.

THEREFORE this application is approved as presented.

This recommendation was approved by a vote of 36 in favor, 1 opposed, 0 abstentions, and 0 not voting for cause.

Sincerely,


Nicholas Viest


David Helpert and Jane Parshall

Chair

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
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