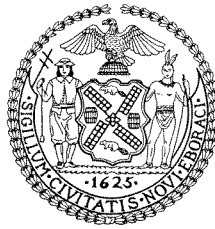


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The City of New York Manhattan Community Board 8

January 16, 2014

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

Re: 680 Madison Avenue (between 61st and 62nd Streets) –Upper East Side Historic District

Dear Chair Tierney:

At the Full Board meeting on Wednesday, January 15, 2014, the board adopted the following resolution regarding **680 Madison Avenue (between 61st and 62nd Streets) –Upper East Side Historic District** – *Sherida E. Paulsen, Architect* – A neo-Georgian style apartment building designed by K.B. Norton and built in 1950-51. Application is to replace windows and spandrels at the 2nd floor.

Whereas 680 Madison Avenue is currently being renovated in compliance with the approval of the Landmarks Preservation Commission;

Whereas under the approved application the three floors of the base are being changed to two floors to better accommodate retail;

Whereas under the approved application the proportions of the façade of the base are being retained;

Whereas under the approved application the installation of replicated pressed metal spandrel panels midway between the new second floor and the existing floor above require the support of box beams that protrude into the retail space;

Whereas under the approved application the raising of the second floor places the eye level of customers within the retail at the level of the metal spandrel panels and the box beams;

Whereas under the new application the proposed windows and spandrels within each of the openings will be composed of a curtain wall of insulated clear glass windows and cast glass spandrel panels with gray glass behind the spandrel panels;

Whereas the cast glass spandrel panels will be supported on the interior with stainless steel tubes, will be in line with the insulated glass windows, and will not protrude into the space;

Whereas the cast glass spandrel panels will replace opaque spandrel panels with translucent spandrel panels;

Whereas the molds from the original pressed metal spandrel panels will be used in making the new cast glass spandrel panels;

Whereas the decorative forms of the original pressed metal spandrel panels will be replicated in the cast glass spandrel panels;

Whereas the cast glass spandrel panels will have a matt finish;

Whereas the awnings will be changed from red to gray;

Whereas the proposed changes to the windows and spandrel panels will be an unobtrusive solution on the interior and an elegant solution on the exterior;

Therefore be it resolved that this application be approved.

This recommendation was approved by a vote of 25 in favor, 8 opposed, 6 abstentions, and 1 not voting for cause.

Sincerely,


Nicholas Viest
Chair


David Helpern, David Liston and Jane Parshall
Co-Chairs, Landmarks Committee

cc: Honorable Bill de Blasio, Mayor of the City of New York
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Honorable Micah Kellner, NYS Assembly Member, 65th Assembly District
Honorable Dan Quart, NYS Assembly Member, 73rd Assembly District
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