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The City of New York Manhattan Community Board 8

September 21, 2015

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

Re: 706 Madison Avenue (between 62nd and 63rd Streets)-Upper East Side Historic District

Dear Chair Srinivasan:

At the Full Board meeting on Wednesday, September 16, 2015, the board adopted the following resolution regarding 706 Madison Avenue (between 62nd and 63rd Streets)-Upper East Side Historic District- Page Ayres Cowley, Architect-Application is for sidewalk replacement.

WHEREAS the lateral expansion of 706 Madison Avenue received a Certificate of Appropriateness from the Landmarks Preservation Commission;

WHEREAS a new sidewalk was always contemplated as part of the overall project;

WHEREAS the length of the enlarged building will be about 95 feet on Madison Avenue and 100 feet on East 634d Street;

WHEREAS the current sidewalk is of concrete, in poor condition, and in need of replacement;

WHEREAS the intent is to return the sidewalk to bluestone, the material from which the sidewalk was originally constructed;

WHEREAS the base of the building is approved as bluestone and the new sidewalk will be bluestone to match; WHEREAS there are many distinctive sidewalks in the Upper East Side Historic District and many of those are of bluestone:

WHEREAS there is a sidewalk vault on East 63rd Street which requires a new sidewalk that spans the width of the vault;

WHEREAS the new sidewalk will be made of bluestone slabs and those on 63rd Street will be made of five inch thick bluestone slabs to span the width of the vault;

WHEREAS the sidewalk will be provided with a snow melting system;

WHEREAS new trees on Madison Avenue will be planted in tree pits and new trees on East 63rd Street will be planted in containers due to the vault below;

WHEREAS the extent of the bluestone sidewalk is appropriate to the building and appropriate within the District;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this application is approved as presented.

This recommendation was approved by a vote of 46 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, and 0 not voting for cause.

Sincerely.

James G. Clynes Chairman

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

Honorable Bill de Blasio, Mayor of the City of New York
Honorable Gale Brewer, Manhattan Borough President
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