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The City of New York Manhattan Community Board 8

April 25, 2016

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

Re: 715 Park Avenue-(between 69th and 70th Streets)-Upper East Side Historic District

Dear Chair Srinivasan:

At the Full Board meeting on Wednesday, April 20, 2016, the board adopted the following resolution regarding 715 Park Avenue-(between 69th and 70th Streets)-Upper East Side Historic District-David Estreich, architect-No style apartment building designed by Emery Roth & Sons and constructed in 1948-49. Application for façade work

WHEREAS 715 Park Avenue is a no-style apartment building designed by Emery Roth & Sons and constructed in 1948-49.

WHEREAS the applicant proposes to replace the existing black granite entry portal (the surround for the front door and the set of windows to the left of the front door at the ground level) with a new limestone portal and a new flat canopy that will integrate more successfully with the proposed limestone over the portal.

WHEREAS the existing pre-cast concrete that covers the rest of the ground floor will remain; the limestone will match in color the pre-cast concrete.

WHEREAS the existing gray curved canopy will be replaced with a new gray flat canopy with a narrower profile.

WHEREAS the existing front door with its two glass side transoms will be replaced with a new larger door—the opening for the door will remain the same but because the side transoms are being deleted, the glass doors will be minimally widened and framed in limestone.

WHEREAS the base of the building will present as more monochromatic.

WHEREAS the existing black granite portal as well as the curved canopy and the existing front doors are more evocative of the period when the building was constructed.

WHEREAS the original design for the black granite portal has become part of the streetscape along Park Avenue; the appropriate nature of the original Emery Roth design for the portal should not be tampered with.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED this application is approved as presented.

This recommendation was approved by a vote of 37 in favor, 4 opposed, 3 abstentions, and 0 not voting for cause.

Sincerely,

James G. Clynes

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Chairman

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Co-Chairs, Landmarks Committee

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