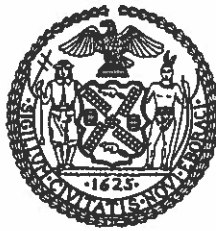


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The City of New York Manhattan Community Board 8

January 21, 2016

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

Re: 781 Fifth Avenue (Sherry Netherland Hotel, NE corner 5th Avenue and 59th Street) – Upper East Side Historic District

Dear Chair Srinivasan:

At the Full Board meeting on Wednesday, January 20, 2016, the board adopted the following resolution regarding **781 Fifth Avenue (Sherry Netherland Hotel, NE corner 5th Avenue and 59th Street) – Upper East Side Historic District**-*David C. Acheson, Architect*. Application is for installation of planters.

WHEREAS 781 Fifth Avenue is a neo-Romanesque and neo-Gothic apartment hotel designed by Schultze & Weaver with Buchman & Kahn and constructed in 1926-27.

WHEREAS the sidewalk in front of the hotel is 22' wide and is a barren space except for clock; a vault under the sidewalk prevents any in ground plantings.

WHEREAS to add a modulation of greenway between 5th Avenue and the front elevation of the Sherry Netherland, the applicant proposes 7 removable concrete planters along the sidewalk along the face of the 5th Avenue façade and 4 smaller planters under the existing entrance awning.

WHEREAS the streetside planters will be set 1'6" from the curb {the width from the curb to the center of the planter will be approx. 2'} and will measure 30" high x 2'8" wide x 4' long and planted with boxwood [including plantings the overall height of the planters will be approx. 4'6"].

WHEREAS the 7 planters will be 3' apart along 5th Avenue to formulate a rhythm along the street.

WHEREAS the smaller planters acknowledging the existing entrance awning will be approximately 2 feet square with the other dimensions remaining the same.

WHEREAS the planters are contextual and appropriate within the historic district.

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

This recommendation was approved by a vote of 39 in favor, 2 opposed, 1 abstention, and 0 not voting for cause.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of James G. Clynes in blue ink.

James G. Clynes
Chairman

Handwritten signature of David Helpem and Jane Parshall in blue ink.

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

Honorable Dan Quart, NYS Assembly Member, 73rd Assembly District
Honorable Ben Kallos, NYC Council Member, 5th Council District
Honorable Daniel Garodnick, NYC Council Member, 4th Council District