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The City of New York Manhattan Community Board 8

September 28, 2016

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

Re: 812 Fifth Avenue – Upper East Side Historic District

Dear Chair Srinivasan:

At the Full Board meeting on Wednesday, September 21, 2016, the board adopted the following resolution regarding **812 Fifth Avenue (between 62nd and 63rd Streets) – Upper East Side Historic District – Nick Butterini, Designer**. Application is for the installation of two mirrors at the penthouse terrace.

WHEREAS 812 Fifth Avenue is a “No Style” non-contributing apartment building designed by Robert Bien and constructed in 1961.

WHEREAS the applicant would like to install/add two mirrors to the side parts/side walls of exterior terrace space on the 18th floor of a 2-story penthouse; the 2 terraces are on the lower level of the 5th Avenue facing penthouse.

WHEREAS the spaces on the two terraces are narrow; the applicant would like to add the mirrors so that the views can be enjoyed without going outside.

WHEREAS the mirrors would measure 7’6” high from the terrace paving and approximately 6’2” high from the parapet; the mirrors would be 42” wide.

WHEREAS the mirrors would present as windows and would be dark gray with a metallic silver metal frame to match the existing window frames.

WHEREAS the mirrors are removable.

WHEREAS the mirrors would catch the sun-- especially the mirror on the south terrace wall—there are inherent dangers/hazards presented by the reflections that would bounce off the mirrors.

WHEREAS the mirrors are visible from approximately 300’ into Central Park.

WHEREAS existing windows on the various elevations of the penthouse provide the same views out as would the mirrors; thus the mirrors would duplicate the views already provided by the windows.

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

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

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of James G. Clynes.

James G. Clynes
Chairman

Handwritten signature of David Helpem and Jane Parshall.

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