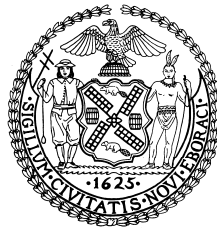


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## The City of New York Manhattan Community Board 8

September 16, 2010

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

**Re: The Loeb Boathouse in Central Park (East 72<sup>nd</sup> Street at Park Drive North)-Scenic Landmark**

Dear Chair Tierney:

At the Land Use/Full Board meeting on Wednesday, September 15, 2010, the board adopted the following resolution regarding **The Loeb Boathouse in Central Park (East 72<sup>nd</sup> Street at Park Drive North) – Scenic Landmark – Mr. Nicholas Koutsomipis, Architect**. Application to replace existing exterior bar and to restore/replace the patio and dock around the bar. (joint with Parks Committee)

**WHEREAS** the applicant proposes to replace the existing bar with an open air pavilion-style bar.  
**WHEREAS** the applicant proposes to raise the outdoor deck area about 16” so that the deck is at the height of an adjacent landscaped area and so that there is no grade change between the deck and the restaurant.  
**WHEREAS** the applicant proposes to cantilever part of the deck out over the lake.  
**WHEREAS** the applicant proposes the replacement of the existing boathouse ticket pavilion with a slightly larger facility that will accommodate both the ticket area and an area for the bar kitchen equipment (dishwashers and icemaker).  
**WHEREAS** the proposed bar will be freestanding and unenclosed (with perforated metal roll-down shutters) and will have a wood base and a concrete countertop and a floating aluminum roof and is intended to blend into the restaurant next to it.  
**WHEREAS** the aluminum material to be used for the roof is inappropriate within the scenic landmark that is Central Park.  
**WHEREAS** the proposed bar has no historic reference or connection to other buildings within the scenic landmark that is Central Park.  
**WHEREAS** the proposed bar and its expanded footprint represents an expansion/intrusion into the scenic landmark that is Central Park since it is larger than the existing bar.  
**WHEREAS** the bar is overly conspicuous with its spaceship-like roof.  
**WHEREAS** raising the deck decreases visibility of the scenic landscape, especially the lake, from passersby.

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

*This resolution was approved by a vote of 32 in favor, 8 opposed and 7 abstentions*

Sincerely,

Jacqueline Ludorf  
Chair

Jane Parshall and David Liston  
Co-Chairs, Landmarks Committee

cc: Hon. Michael Bloomberg, Mayor of the City of New York  
Hon. Scott M. Stringer, Manhattan Borough President  
Hon. Liz Krueger, NYS Senate Member  
Hon. Jonathan Bing, NYS Assembly Member  
Hon. Micah Kellner, NYS Assembly Member  
Hon. Daniel Garodnick, NYC Council Member  
Hon. Jessica Lappin, NYC Council Member  
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