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The City of New York
Manhattan Community Board 8

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Hon. Frederick Bland, Vice Chair
NYC Landmarks Preservation Commission
Municipal Building
One Center Street, 9th Floor
New York, NY, 10007

RE: 36 East 62nd Street [The Links Club] (between Madison Avenue and Park Avenue) — Upper East Side Historic District. Mark P. Finley, architect. Application is for installation of a rooftop terrace.

Dear Vice Chair Bland:

At the Full Board meeting of Manhattan Community Board 8 held on July 18, 2018, the board unanimously approved the following resolution by a vote of 38 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, and 0 not voting for cause:

WHEREAS 36 East 62nd Street is a neo-Georgian style brick building originally designed by Trowbridge and Livingston and constructed in 1902; the existing front elevation designed by Cross & Cross in 1916.

WHEREAS approximately 4 years ago some abandoned mechanical equipment was removed from the secondary lower rear roof;

WHEREAS the applicant would like to remove the rest of the unused mechanical equipment and an existing steel stair to create a 640 sq. ft. outdoor green space/terrace to be used for small gatherings of club members.

WHEREAS an existing door at the roof would open to a transition space covered by a pergola sitting on brick piers and capped with limestone (north elevation) before entering the actual terrace which would be paved in bluestone.

WHEREAS all four sides of the terrace would have a 42" high brick wall; the brick wall would be capped by limestone and the inward facing walls (the west elevation and the east elevation) would have planter boxes next to them — 4 along each of these walls.

WHEREAS the south elevation would be distinguished by a wall divided into 5 parts so that the right and left initial sections would be 42" in height to match the walls along the west and east elevations, the next two sections would rise up to a height of approximately 13' and the section in the absolute middle would rise to a height of approximately 14'; every wall would be capped in limestone.

WHEREAS the dominant center section would have a lead fountain set into it and would have two carved limestone 2'4" high eagles set onto the limestone capping; the details on the lead fountain

would mimic the details at the front elevation — a decorative lead spout above the basin of the fountain and the Club logo lead bas relief directly above the actual elements of the fountain.

WHEREAS all brickwork would match in color the brick at the front elevation.

WHEREAS the number of people allowed onto the terrace would be limited to 18 because of its small size.

WHEREAS the Committee was impressed by the overall beauty of the design and the attention to detail that rises to the rest of the elegant and justly praised Cross and Cross front elevation.

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

Sincerely,

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David Helpern and Jane Parshall
Co-Chairs, Landmarks Committee

cc: Honorable Bill de Blasio, Mayor of the City of New York
Honorable Carolyn Maloney, 14th Congressional District Representative
Honorable Gale Brewer, Manhattan Borough President
Honorable Liz Krueger, NYS Senator, 28th Senatorial District
Honorable Dan Quart, NYS Assembly Member, 73rd Assembly District
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