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The City of New York
Community Board 8 Manhattan

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

RE: 136 East 95th Street (Between Lexington and Park Avenues) – Expanded Carnegie Hill Historic District *Christopher Teeter, metamechanics*. Application is for the renovation and redesign of the street frontage, fences, and entry steps; and the installation of a canopy.

THIS APPLICATION IS DIVIDED INTO TWO PARTS.

Dear Chair Carroll:

At the Full Board meeting of Community Board 8 Manhattan held on July 17, 2019, the board voted to **approve** Part A of the application in accordance with the following resolution by a vote of 39 in favor, 1 opposed, 0 abstentions, and 0 not voting for cause:

WHEREAS 136 East 95th Street is a Queen Anne style building set within a street within the historic district where the historic integrity of the street has been well maintained;
WHEREAS the applicant seeks to make the entrance steps less steep and to add three artifacts (found items) made of cast iron, all of which have a green patina;
WHEREAS the considerations with respect to the steps and the cast iron items are different, the review of this application has been divided into two parts:

PART A: REBUILDING OF ENTRANCE STEPS

WHEREAS the existing entrance steps descend to the main entrance door;
WHEREAS the existing entrance steps are steep;
WHEREAS the existing entrance steps are made of concrete;
WHEREAS the existing steps will be reconfigured to add one riser and to make the steps gentler;
WHEREAS the new steps will be made of brick to match the brick color of the brick on the house;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Part A of the Application is **approved** as presented.

PART B: INSTALLATION OF CAST IRON ARTIFACTS

The board voted to **disapprove** Part B of the application in accordance with the following resolution by a vote of 30 in favor, 8 opposed, 2 abstentions, and 0 not voting for cause:

WHEREAS two cast iron hitching posts with horse heads are to be placed in front of the fences along the side lot lines -- at the corners of the property defined by the front and side lot lines;

WHEREAS a decorative cast iron bench is to be set against the front wall in the entrance areaway;

WHEREAS a cast iron frame made of cast iron bars is to be made into a canopy;

WHEREAS a cast iron eagle is attached to the top of the front bar of the cast iron frame;


WHEREAS these cast-iron elements are not contextual and appropriate within the historic district;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Part B of the Application is **disapproved** as presented.

Please advise us of any action taken on this matter.

Sincerely,


Alida Camp
Chair


David Helpern and Jane Parshall
Co-Chairs, Landmarks Committee

cc: Honorable Bill de Blasio, Mayor of the City of New York
Honorable Carolyn Maloney, 12th 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
Honorable Rebecca Seawright, NYS Assembly Member 76th Assembly District
Honorable Ben Kallos, NYC Council Member, 5th Council District
Honorable Keith Powers, NYC Council Member, 4th Council District