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The City of New York
Community Board 8 Manhattan
Landmarks Committee
Monday, September 9, 2019 – 6:30PM
The Ramaz School, 125 East 85th Street
(Between Lexington and Park Avenue)

Please note: The resolutions contained in the committee minutes are recommendations submitted by the committee chair to the Community Board. At the monthly full board meeting, the resolutions are discussed and voted upon by all members of Community Board 8 Manhattan.

**PLEASE NOTE**: When evaluating Applications for Certificates of Appropriateness, the Landmarks Committee of Community Board 8M ONLY considers the appropriateness of the proposal to the architecture of the building and, in the case of a building within an Historic District, the appropriateness of the proposal to the character of that Historic District. All testimony should be related to such appropriateness. The Committee recommends a Resolution to the full Community Board, which votes on a Resolution to be sent to the Landmarks Preservation Commission. These Resolutions are advisory; the decision of the Landmarks Preservation Commission is binding.

Applicants and members of the public who are interested in the issues addressed are invited, but not required, to attend the **Full Board meeting on Wednesday, September 18, 2019, at the New York Blood Center, Auditorium (310 East 67**<sup>th</sup> **Street) at 6:30PM.** They may testify for up to three minutes in the Public Session, which they must sign up for no later than 6:45PM. Members of the Board will discuss the items in executive session; if a member of the public wishes a comment made or a question asked at this time, he or she must ask a Board Member to do it.

## **Minutes**

## **Resolutions for Approval:**

**Items 1: Unanimous** 

**Resolutions for Disapproval:** 

**Item 2: Unanimous** 

1. **45** East **65th** Street (between Madison and Park Avenues) – Upper East Side Historic District *Scott Kurland, architect (Kurland Design).* Application is for adjustments to the size of balconies at rear elevation.

N.B. THIS APPLICATION, DIVIDED INTO TWO PARTS, WAS ORIGINALLY HEARD AT THE JULY 17TH MEETING OF THE LANDMARKS COMMITTEE. PART A, for work at the front elevation and for bulkhead enlargements, was unanimously approved. PART B, for infill at the rear — the balconies — was unanimously disapproved.

**WHEREAS** 45 East 65th Street was originally designed by John G. Prague, in an unknown style, as a single family house and constructed in 1876-77.

WHEREAS the existing facade, designed in the new-Federal style by Ogden Codman, was constructed in 1906-1907

**WHERAS** 45 East 65th is now divided into full-floor apartments, except at the ground level where there are two apartments.

**WHEREAS** the work proposed for the front elevation and the roof was approved at the July, 2019 meeting of the Landmarks Committee. SEE ABOVE, PART A.

WHEREAS at the rear, 45 East 65th Street presents as L- shaped with the "L" built out to the lot line. WHEREAS the applicant proposed balconies at the rear elevation for each of the full-floor apartments at the 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th floors; each balcony was to be 8' wide by approximately 27' deep. WHEREAS since the size of the applicant's proposed balconies would have meant that the entire lot would be built out, this part of the application was disapproved at the July, 2019 meeting of the Landmarks Committee. SEE ABOVE, PART B.

**WHEREAS** the applicant has now presented a modification to the proposed balconies at the rear. **WHEREAS** the proposed balconies will be reduced in size and will now be 10' wide x 7' or 8' deep. **WHEREAS** the applicant is to be commended for reducing the size of the balconies.

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

**VOTE**: 7 in favor (Ashby, Baron, Camp, Cohn, Helpern, Parshall, Tamayo) **PUBLIC MEMBER IN FAVOR**: Kimberly Selway

2. **1311 Madison Avenue (Between East 92nd and East 93rd Streets) – Expanded Carnegie Hill Historic Distric.** *Douglas Larson, Larson Architecture Works PLLC.* A Neo-Renaissance style residence designed by Henri Fouchaux and constructed in 1901. Application is to paint the upper portion of the building façade.

**WHEREAS** the applicant for 1311 Madison Avenue did not appear at the Landmarks Committee meeting;

**THEREFORE** this application is **disapproved**.

**VOTE**: 7 in favor (Ashby, Baron, Camp, Cohn, Helpern, Parshall, Tamayo) **PUBLIC MEMBER IN FAVOR**: Kimberly Selway

- 3. Old Business
- 4. New Business
  - Discussion of the proposed Madison Avenue bus shelters

The Landmarks Preservation Commission has no jurisdiction over the proposed shelters since they would be placed on the sidewalk, which is under the jurisdiction of the DOT. However, the section along Madison Avenue where the shelters would be placed — from 58th Street to 78th Street — is part of the Upper East Side Historic District. The members of the committee present each gave their opinion on the proposed bus shelters for Madison Avenue. There was unanimous agreement against the proposal. Then Ed Wallace, the attorney representing the vendor, JC Decaux, presented the arguments in favor of the shelters. After further discussion, the Landmarks Committee asked that the Chair write a letter to DOT expressing the Landmarks Committee's strong opposition to the proposed shelters. PLEASE SEE ATTACHED LETTER.

David Helpern and Jane Parshall, Co-Chairs