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May 24, 2021

Sarah Carroll, Chair
NYC Landmarks Preservation Commission
One Centre St., 9th Floor North
New York, New York 10007

Dear Chair Carroll:

At its Full Board meeting on May 20, 2021, Community Board #2, Manhattan (CB2, Man.) adopted the following resolution:

1. 80 Spring St. - Application is to install one awning, lettering on the side flaps of multiple awnings, and text in sidelights flanking the main entrance

Whereas:

1. An awning, in the third bay from the Spring Street corner on Crosby Street, is to match previously approved awnings in other bays; and
2. The elevation of the awning is aligned with the existing awnings, but in this bay the awning cuts through window panes between mullions - a "floating" awning in front of the window and inaccurate drawings minimize this condition; and
3. A solid panel covering the panes behind the awning would give suitable visual anchoring to the awning; and
4. The lettering proposed for side flaps on the awnings and for two signs (6'-6" x 1'-7") flanking the side entrance are in "bistro style" and suitable to the building; now

Therefore be it Resolved that CB2, Man. recommends **approval** of the awning and the signage provided that a solid panel is installed behind the awning to visually anchor it.

Vote: Unanimous, with 43 Board members in favor.

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Dear Chair Carroll:

At its Full Board meeting on May 20, 2021, Community Board #2, Manhattan (CB2, Man.) adopted the following resolution:

2. 101 Greene St. - Application is to install new stainless-steel cladding in mirror finish on the existing façade, new signage, new door handle, and new supporting pole and banner.

Whereas:

1. The handsome facade, in classic cast iron with wooden infill design, is remarkably intact; and

2. The cast iron elements and moldings are to be suitably painted and the wooden moldings are being painted to match the proposed highly reflective stainless-steel cladding; and

3. The proposal is to clad the original flat wooden surfaces below and around the windows in mirror-finished stainless steel so that the infill effectively appears as though the wooden infill has been replaced with reflective stainless steel and painted wooden moldings; and

4. The applicant, though representing that the stainless-steel coverings of the wood and the paint that is to make the moldings match stainless steel would be removable, could not substantiate, even with speculative ideas, that this could be accomplished without destruction of the historic wooden infill

5. The design was described by the applicant as “modern”, “branding for the company”, and “reflecting the neighborhood” (literally), all of which are disrespectful to the intact historic design of the building, and have the effect of changing a historic façade into a modern storefront which would completely violate the historic design and deprive the public of the enjoyment of the intact historic façade; and

6. The overly large door handle is in a curved modern design that is an unwelcome decorative element, unsuitable to the building; and

7. The proposed blade sign is not similar to those on the street of neighborhood with a heavy wooden support and rigid connection to the sign below and is not freely suspended; and

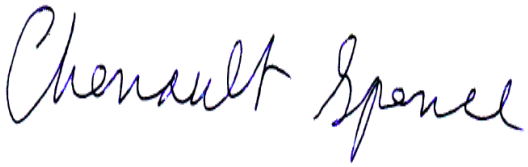
8. The blade sign's large size was not represented as conforming to the regulations of size for the building and in the district; now

Therefore be it Resolved that CB2, Man. recommends denial of this application which is, in nearly every aspect and especially in the covering of historical materials with reflective stainless steel, unsuitable and destructive to the building and disrespectful of the historic character of the building and of the district.

Vote: Unanimous, with 43 Board members in favor.

Please advise us of any decision or action taken in response to this resolution.

Sincerely,



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