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June 19, 2020

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 June 18, 2020, Community Board #2, Manhattan (CB2, Man.) adopted the following resolution:

1. 340 Bleecker Street. Application is to install a bracket sign replacing a historic neon sign for ground floor storefront.

- A. A neon sign, shown in a 1969 tax photograph in a style of the 20s or 30s for Aldo's Restaurant was removed several tenants ago, presumably in the 1970s; and
- B. The bracket, as depicted in the photo, remains; and
- C. The applicant seeks to install a similar neon sign with orange lettering for a new restaurant of a similar size and design, though the rendering lacked many details that were described by the applicant and are depicted in the original sign; and
- D. The size exceeds the current size permissible under current regulations in this location and is suitable to the building and to the infill design; and
- E. In response to Committee concerns that the graphic appearance of the design as rendered was too contemporary and out of sync with the original sign it seeks to replicate, the applicant represented that a revised design for the sign would reproduce as exactly as possible including size, shape, color, font and style of the name, painted highlighting of the letters, and exposure of the connecting sections of yellow/orange neon tubing and would, in effect, appear as the original sign with the word "Aldo's" changed to "Amos"; now

Therefore be it resolved that CB2, Man. recommends **approval** of the revised design agreed by the applicant matching as closely as possible the original sign as depicted in a historic photograph with details as described in whereas E above.

Vote: Unanimous, with 44 Board members in favor.

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Dear Chair Carroll:

At its Full Board meeting on June 18, 2020, Community Board #2, Manhattan (CB2, Man.) adopted the following resolution:

2. 160 Prince Street Application is to remove existing storefront windows and install a new storefront infill.

Whereas:

- A. The restaurant at the corner of Prince and Thompson Streets has uniform small, high windows with white brick infill in the corner bays; and along the two facades; and
- B. The application is to replace the corner bays' windows with full length operable doors in brown/grey steel, a minimal bulkhead and with plate glass; and
- C. A historic photograph depicts tall windows with an approximately 3' bulkhead which is harmonious with the Vesuvio Bakery, adjacent to the restaurant in the same building; and
- D. Modification of the design to more nearly conform to the image in the historic photograph, especially with regard to the height and material of the bulkhead, would reflect the historic design; and
- C. In a letter from Community Board 2 Manhattan to the State Liquor Authority dated February 28, 2017 making recommendations concerning a liquor license, subsequently approved, the following stipulation was agreed: "There will not be any French doors or windows installed to the front façade and all existing doors and windows will be closed at all times except for patron egress; and
- D. This recommendation is made by the Board in consideration of the stipulation agreed by the applicant as well as the landmarks and aesthetic aspects of the application and there was representation by the chair of the SLA Committee at the time of the resolution that without this stipulation approval of the license would not have been recommended; and

D. There was community opposition to the SLA Committee at the time of licensing and to the Landmarks Committee to full length operable windows; and

F. The Board received written and oral opposition to this application; now

Therefore be it resolved that CB2, Man. recommends **denial** of the application unless the design is revised to conform closely to the historic design depicted in the historic photograph especially with respect to: the height of the bulkhead and the size and design of the windows which will not be operable and, that the bulkhead be material left in place from the existing façade.

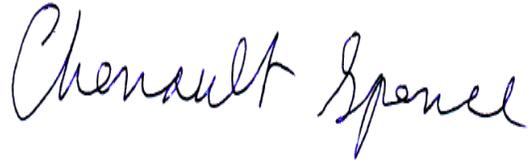
Vot4e: Unanimous, with 44 Board members in favor.

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

Sincerely,



Carter Booth, Chair
Community Board #2, Manhattan



Chenault Spence, Chair
Landmarks & Public Aesthetics Committee
Community Board #2, Manhattan

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c: Hon. Jerrold L. Nadler, Congressman
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