

 Date:
 1/10/2017

 LPC Docket #:
 19-5583

 LPC Action:
 Approved

Action required by other agencies: DOB

Permit Type: CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS

Address: 248-250 Mercer Street

Borough: Manhattan

Block: 535 Lot: 7501

Historic District: NoHo Historic District

Description: A one-story taxpayer built c. 1934-1938. Application is to alter the façade and install storefront infill,

signage, awnings, and rooftop mechanical equipment.

COMMISSION FINDINGS

The Commission noted that this is not one of the buildings for which the NoHo Historic District was designated.

Pursuant to Section 25-307 of the Administrative Code of the City of New York, the Commission APPROVED the proposal, finding:

- -that the removal of the existing storefront infill and masonry facades will not eliminate any significant architectural features or historic fabric of the building;
- -that the proposed painted aluminum storefront infill, featuring columns and an integrated signband, and sliding clear glass display windows with fixed transoms and bulkheads divided by intermediate piers, will be evocative of the taxpayer's original storefront infill in terms of transparency, and will be consistent with the commercial and industrial character of this historic district;
- -that the proposed façade cladding, featuring small, modular cast stone units with protruding faces and a cool gray finish, will reflect the contemporary design of the building while recalling the historic textured masonry facades typical of buildings in this historic district;
- -that the proposed black acrylic fabric awnings and illuminated signage, consisting of halo-lit aluminum lettering with a white finish installed within the signband, will not overwhelm the building or detract from the streetscape; -and that although the rooftop mechanical equipment will be visible from select locations, it will be largely screened by the proposed raising of the masonry parapet, and will be seen primarily from a distance against a backdrop of secondary facades and will not call undue attention to itself.

VOTE:

Present: Meenakshi Srinivasan, Adi Shamir-Baron, Frederick Bland, Diana Chapin, Wellington Chen, Michael Devonshire, Michael Goldblum, John Gustafsson, Kim Vauss, Jeanne Lutfy

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In Favor = M.Srinivasan, A.Shamir-Baron, F.Bland, D.Chapin, W.Chen, M.Devonshire, M.Goldblum, J.Gustafsson, K.Vauss, J.Lutfy

Oppose = Abstain =

Recuse =

Please note that these "Commission Findings" are a summary of the findings related to the application. This is NOT a permit or approval to commence any work. No work may occur until the Commission has issued a Certificate of Appropriateness, which requires review and approval of Department of Buildings filing drawings and/or other construction drawings related to the approved work. In addition, no work may occur until the work has been reviewed and approved by other City agencies, such as the Department of Buildings, as required by law