



CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

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IN THE MATTER OF a communication dated May 3, 2007, from the Executive Director of the Landmarks Preservation Commission regarding the landmark designation of the Crown Heights North Historic District, designated by the Landmarks Preservation Commission on April 24, 2007 (List No 391 / LP No. 2204). The district boundaries are:

properties bounded by a line by a line beginning at the southeast corner of Bedford Avenue (aka Grant Square) and Pacific Street, extending southerly along the eastern curbline of Bedford Avenue (Grant Square), continuing southerly across Dean Street to the point formed by its intersection with a line extending westerly from the southern property line of 19-29 Grant Square (aka 19-29 Rogers Avenue, 1353-1363 Bedford Avenue, and 1122 Dean Street), eastward along the southern property lines of 19-29 Grant Square and 1136 to 1144 Dean Street, northerly along the eastern property line of 1144 Dean Street, easterly along the southern property lines of 1146 to 1182 Dean Street, northerly along the eastern property line of 1182 Dean Street, easterly along the southern property lines of 1184 to 1192 Dean Street (aka 630-638 Nostrand Avenue) to the eastern curbline of Nostrand Avenue, southerly along said curbline to the point formed by its intersection with a line extending westerly from the southern property line of 593-607 Nostrand Avenue (aka 1198-1206 Dean Street), easterly along the southern property line of 593-607 Nostrand Avenue, northerly along the eastern property line of 593-607 Nostrand Avenue, easterly along the southern property lines of 1208 to 1228 Dean Street, northerly along the eastern property line of 1228 Dean Street, easterly along the southern property line of 1230 Dean Street, southerly along the western property line of 1232 Dean Street, easterly long the southern property lines of 1232 to 1238 Dean Street, northerly along the eastern property line of 1238 Dean Street, easterly along the southern property lines of 1240 to 1268 Dean Street to the eastern curbline of New York Avenue, southerly along said curbline to the northeast corner of New York Avenue and Bergen Street, easterly along the northern curbline of Bergen Street to the point formed by its intersection with a line extending northerly from the western property line of 1188-1204 Bergen Street, southerly across Bergen Street and along the western property lines of 1188-1204 Bergen Street and 787-803 St. Mark's Avenue to the northern curbline of St. Mark's Avenue, easterly along said curbline to the point formed by its intersection with a line extending northerly from the western property line of 828 St. Mark's Avenue, southerly across St. Mark's Avenue and along the western property line of 828 St. Mark's Avenue, westerly along the northern property line of 907-933 Prospect Place, southerly along the western property line of 907-933 Prospect Place to the northern curbline of Prospect Place, easterly along said curbline to the northwest corner of Prospect Place and Brooklyn Avenue, northerly along the western curbline of Brooklyn Avenue to the northwest corner of Brooklyn Avenue and St. Mark's Avenue, easterly across Brooklyn Avenue and along the northern curbline of St. Mark's Avenue to the northwest corner of St. Mark's Avenue and Kingston Avenue, northerly along the western curbline of Kingston Avenue to the southwest corner of Kingston Avenue and Bergen Street, westerly along the southern curbline of Bergen Street to the point formed by its intersection with a line extending southerly from the eastern property line of 1297 Bergen Street, northerly across Bergen Street and along the eastern property line of 1297 Bergen Street, westerly along the northern property line of 1297 Bergen Street, northerly along the eastern property line of 1402 Dean Street and

across Dean Street to its northern curbline, easterly along said curbline to the point formed by its intersection with a line extending southerly from the eastern property line of 1417 Dean Street, northerly along the eastern property line of 1417 Dean Street, westerly along the northern property lines of 1417 and 1415 Dean Street, northerly along the eastern property line of 1452-1454 Pacific Street to the southern curbline of Pacific Street, westerly along said curbline to the point formed by its intersection with a line extending southerly from the eastern property line 1477 Pacific Street, northerly along the eastern property line of 1477 Pacific Street, westerly along the northern property lines of 1451 to 1477 Pacific Street, northerly long the eastern property line of 1447 Pacific Street, westerly along the northern property lines of 1445 and 1447 Pacific Street, southerly along the western property line of 1445 Pacific Street, westerly along the northern property lines of 1435 to 1443 Pacific Street to the eastern curbline of Brooklyn Avenue, southerly along said curbline and across Pacific Street to the point formed by its intersection with a line extending easterly from the northern property line of 96-98 Brooklyn Avenue (aka 1343 Dean Street), westerly across Brooklyn Avenue and along the northern property line of 96-98 Brooklyn Avenue, northerly along the eastern property line and westerly along the northern property line of 1331 Dean Street, northerly along the eastern property line of 1329 Dean Street, westerly along the northern property lines of 1325 to 1329 Dean Street, southerly along the western property line of 1325 Dean Street, westerly along the northern property lines of 1311 to 1323 Dean Street, northerly along the eastern property line of 1307-1309 Dean Street, westerly along the northern property lines of 1299 to 1309 Dean Street, southerly along the western property line of 1299 Dean Street, westerly along the northern property lines of 1291 and 1293 Dean Street, northerly along the eastern property line of 1289 Dean Street, westerly along the northern property lines of 1285 and 1289 Dean Street, southerly along the western property line of 1285 Dean Street to the northern curbline of Dean Street, westerly along said curbline and across New York Avenue to the northwest corner of New York Avenue and Dean Street, northerly along the western curbline of New York Avenue and across Pacific Street to the point in the curbline formed by its intersection with a line extending easterly from the northern property line of 1361 Pacific Street (aka 70 New York Avenue), westerly along the northern property lines of 1337 to 1361 Pacific Street, northerly along the eastern property line of 1335 Pacific Street, westerly along the northern property lines of 1329 to 1335 Pacific Street, southerly along the western property line of 1329 Pacific Street, westerly along the northern property line and southerly along the western property line of 1325 Pacific Street to the northern curbline of Pacific Street, easterly along said curbline to the point formed by its intersection with a line extending northerly from the western property line of 1284 Pacific Street (Block 1207, Lot 17), southerly across Pacific Street and along the western property line of 1284 Pacific Street, westerly along the northern property lines of 1197 to 1227 Dean Street and across Nostrand Avenue, continuing westerly along the northern property lines of 1163 to 1195 Dean Street, northerly along the eastern property line of 1161 Dean Street, westerly along the northern property line of 1161 Dean Street and a portion of the northern property line of 1155-1157 Dean Street, southerly along a portion of the western property line of 1155-1157 Dean Street, westerly along a portion of the northern property line of 1155-1157 Dean Street, the northern property line of 1149-1153 Dean Street, and a portion of the northern property line of 1147 Dean Street, northerly along a portion of the eastern property line of 1147 Dean Street, westerly along a portion of the northern property line of 1147 Dean Street, continuing westerly along the northern property lines of 1133 to 1145 Dean Street, northerly along the eastern property line of 1200

Pacific Street to the southern curblineline of Pacific Street, and westerly along said curblineline to the point of the beginning, Borough of Brooklyn, Community District 8.

Pursuant to Section 3020.8(b) of the City Charter, the City Planning Commission shall submit to the City Council a report with respect to the relation of any designation by the Landmarks Preservation Commission, whether of a historic district or a landmark, to the Zoning Resolution, projected public improvements, and any plans for development, growth, improvement, or renewal of the area involved.

On April 24, 2007 the Landmarks Preservation Commission designated the Crown Heights North Historic District (List No 391 / LP No. 2204). Located in Brooklyn Community District 8, the subject historic district is in the northwestern section of Crown Heights, east of Prospect Heights and directly south of Bedford-Stuyvesant. The irregularly shaped district is generally bounded by Dean and Pacific Streets to the North, Bedford and Rogers Avenues to the West, St. Mark's Avenue and Prospect Place to the South, and Kingston Avenue to the East. Fifteen full, or partial, blocks are included in the district, which covers 472 buildings.

The buildings within the historic district are representative of residential architecture styles of the late 1800s and early 1900s, namely Italiante, Neo-Grec and Queen Anne, as well as the Romanesque, Renaissance, Colonial, Mediterranean, Medieval and Tudor Revival Styles. Some of the earliest development in Crown Heights began in the 1850s in the form of freestanding, suburban style villas on spacious lots. A wave of development followed this during the 1870s, in anticipation of the opening of the Brooklyn Bridge in 1883. Most of the row house development in the area followed the 1888 opening of the Kings County Elevated Railway, which ran along Fulton Street.

The historic district is predominantly zoned R6, which has a maximum FAR of 2.43, and permits medium density residential development. Nostrand Avenue, the district's local shopping area, has a C1-3 commercial overlay, which has a maximum FAR of 2.0 and permits local retail services such as small grocery stores, restaurants or clothing stores.

There are three individually designated landmarks located in the Crown Heights North Historic District: The Imperial Apartments at 1339 Grant Avenue, the George B. and Susan Elkins House at 1375 Dean St, and the John and Elizabeth Truslow House at 96 Brooklyn Avenue. Pursuant to Section 74-79 of the Zoning Resolution, no transfer of development rights is permitted from any structure within an historic district. All buildings within historic districts are eligible to apply for use and bulk waivers pursuant to Section 74-711 of the Zoning Resolution.

City Planning Commission Public Hearing

Pursuant to Section 3020.8(a) of the City Charter, the City Planning Commission held a public hearing on June 20, 2007, (Calendar No. 30). There were three speakers in favor of the application, including the City Council Member for District 35. The two other speakers in favor of the historic district were residents of the proposed district, who were also board members of the Crown Heights North Association. There were no speakers in opposition and the hearing was closed.

Consideration

The City Planning Commission has evaluated the Crown Heights North Historic District in relation to the Zoning Resolution and the economic growth and development in the area.

The Commission believes that the Historic District is consistent with plans for the area's future development and improvement.

The proposed district does not conflict with the Zoning Resolution, projected public improvements or any plans for the development, growth, improvement, or renewal within the historic district or surrounding area.

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