

Scofflaw Construction at Crown Heights Landmark



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The landmark George B. and Susan Elkins House at 1375 Dean Street, the oldest house in Crown Heights North, has seen some troubling construction activity of late, according to our own Montrose Morris:

“They were issued a Stop Work Order for working with out permits. They were doing interior gutting and demo. Apparently, they ignored the SWO, and continued. Complaints to the LPC and DOB caused an inspection and a firm talking to. They stopped working [Tuesday]. They have to file with LPC before getting DOB permits, so there shouldn't be any work going on until that happens.”

Last year the Crown Heights North Association was looking to buy the building, but it ultimately sold to a firm called “Real Properties Group,” according to a reader. The sale hasn't been recorded in public records, though, and it's not clear what the new owners are planning to do with the house. Let us know if you have any intel, and click through for a few close-ups of the current state of the exterior...



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Miss Bunny, it seems you are as thoughtful as your name-sake.



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I don't mean to insult you — it seems a legitimate question. Do you mean to say you were no longer in a position to purchase the house when the bank sold it? How long after rejecting your offer did the bank sell it?



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I think you mean harebrained ☺



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It's not greedy to want to live in a house. It's stupid to buy a house knowing its landmarked and thinking you can get away with anything you like.



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By the time the bank got real and finally sold the house, we had long moved on and purchased a different house. The bank turned down our \$400,000\ offer and then could not find a buyer for anything near the realistic price we offered considering the cost of restoration. While