



CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

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IN THE MATTER OF a communication dated July 10, 2020, from the Executive Director of the Landmarks Preservation Commission regarding the modification of the landmark designation of Kingsland Homestead (143-35 37th Ave, Queens)(Block 5012, Lot 60) designated by the Landmarks Preservation Commission on June 30, 2020 (Designation List No. 518/ LP No. LP-0005A), Borough of Queens, Community District 7.

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 the development, growth, improvement or renewal of the area involved.

On June 30, 2020, the Landmarks Preservation Commission (LPC) amended the landmark designation of the Kingsland Homestead from its previous location at 40-25 155th Street (Block 5270, Lot 14) to its current location at 43-35 37th Avenue (Block 5012, Lot 60) in the Flushing neighborhood of Queens, Community District 7.

Kingsland Homestead, one of the oldest buildings in Queens, was designated as a landmark on October 14, 1965 at 40-25 155th Street (Block 5270, Lot 14). In 1968, the LPC approved the relocation of the landmark building from 155th Street to its current site within Weeping Beech Park due to new construction and development in the area. The building currently serves as the headquarters of the Queens Historical Society and is maintained by the NYC Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR). DPR acquired the site in 1925 and expanded the park to its current size in 1976. The park also contains the Weeping Beech Tree and the Bowne House, both of which are individually landmarked.

The Kingsland Homestead is a wooden two-story building with a basement and an attic. Pre-dated only by the Bowne House, the building is Flushing's second-oldest house. It was built on a tract of land purchased in 1744 by Charles Doughty. It received the name "Kingsland" from the builder's son-in-law, Captain Joseph King, an English seaman who settled in Flushing. The central chimney and gambrel-roofed shingled house, which combines English and Dutch architectural styles, is a rare example of the "Long Island Half House" that was common during the post-Colonial Revolutionary War period. The house was completely rehabilitated between 1988 and 1996.

The designated landmark building is located within designated parkland. Therefore, this site is not eligible for a special permit to modify use and bulk regulations pursuant to Zoning Resolution (ZR) Section 74-711 and not eligible for transfer of development rights pursuant to ZR Section 74-79. The Department is not aware of any conflicts between the subject landmark and the Zoning Resolution, projected public improvements, or any plans for the development, growth, or renewal of the area involved.

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