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Residential Conversion of Former Police Precinct in Brooklyn Heights Can Finally Move Forward



By Linda Collins
 The planned residential conversion of the former police precinct building in Brooklyn Heights can finally move forward, with last week's approval by the Landmarks Preservation Commission (LPC) in Manhattan.

The building, at 72 Poplar St., is described as "a police station with attached garage designed by Beverly King and Harry Walker, and built in 1912." The

application by the Datan Group is to construct rooftop additions, alter the rear facade, alter window openings at the side facades, and install doors and infill.

The property has gone through several owners and several conversion plans over the past seven years, since it was sold at auction by the city in 2004.

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A view of 72 Poplar St., the former police precinct building (with attached garage), in Brooklyn Heights.

As the Eagle reported, Community Board 2 gave its unanimous approval to the latest design last month with two recommended modifications: moving the proposed one-story addition on the adjacent garage forward to be more aligned with the street; and simplifying the design of the new rear window openings by removing the arch, but maintaining the same window size.

The LPC's approval does not include these two recommendations, however.

"The commissioners approved the massing of the proposed addition as presented by the applicant," Lisi de Bourbon, LPC press secretary, told the Eagle, adding that the commissioners also approved the design of the rear window openings as presented.

An attempt to obtain a comment from developer The Daten Group was unsuccessful.

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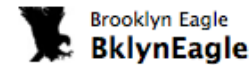
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