



No, there's nothing new to report about the status of [the former Fire Engine No. 22](#), located at the edge of the city's Forest Park and Highland Park neighborhoods. We haven't heard much about the structure since [the approval of its sale to developers who want to open a Walgreens location on the site by the Birmingham City Council](#).

The agreement moved forward with [the provision that if the structure, included on the National Register of Historic Places, could not be saved and used in the project, it would be abandoned](#).

One of the reasons that the proposed agreement was considered a success was because of a compromise reached due to [an agreement between several national drug store chains and the National Trust for Historic Preservation dating from 2000](#). The fight to save the building was led by local groups including *I Believe in Birmingham*.

It appears that this agreement has recently been determined to be non-binding by the National Trust's Law Office just after a case in Memphis, TN came to light involving the former home of a United Methodist congregation and CVS (and after the situation here in Birmingham had already been settled).



Opponents to that proposal [had also found the original deed for the property - one that restricts the use of the site](#) though [it may also not have the legal power behind it necessary for saving the church](#).

It appears that Birmingham was able to claim victory while [those living within close proximity to the site in Midtown Memphis will most likely soon see a second big box drug store chain](#) take over another corner of a major intersection.

That's because an Ike's (part of a chain recently purchased by Walgreens) is located directly across the street from the former church.

Even crazier is that [the home of the Memphis Ballet sits catty-corner from the building](#).