

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ARCHITECTURAL COMMITTEE OF THE PHILADELPHIA HISTORICAL COMMISSION

20 October 1976

Present: Theodore T. Bartley, Jr., A.I.A., Preservation Committee, American Institute of Architects, Philadelphia Chapter.
Erling H. Pedersen, A.I.A., Old Philadelphia Development Corporation.
Russell Milnor, A.I.A., Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority.
Richard Tyler, Historian
Patricia Siantonkowski, Executive Assistant to the Chairman

Also: Gary Jones, Washington Square West Project Area Committee.
Owner of 123 Cuthbert Street to present plans for the renovation of his building.
Paul Vinicoff, architect, to present plans for a new addition to the rear of 507 Delancey Street.

SUBMISSIONS

1020 E. Moyamensing Avenue, Louis Quinteros, contractor. The Committee agreed to recommend the approval of the owner's request to demolish and rebuild the front wall of this historically certified building. The structure has been designated a "dangerous building" by the Department of Licenses and Inspections and a notice to repair or demolish the building has been issued. The new facade should match the adjoining building at 1022 E. Moyamensing. The building, of course, will not be eligible for the receipt of a Commission plaque without the submission, review and execution of accurately measured architectural drawings.

123 Cuthbert Street, William Blados, contractor. The Committee reviewed the drawing submitted for the renovation of this building and recommends its approval. It is suggested that the transom over the door and the double doors in the left opening contain small panes of glass proportionate in size to those being used in the window openings. Since this is not a restoration, the building will not be eligible for a plaque.

620 South Front Street, Donald A. Knuth, Jr., architect. The Committee reviewed the drawings calling for the complete restoration of this building and recommends that the Commission approve them. It is understood that the cornice will duplicate the original and that the details for the frontispiece, provided by the Commission staff, will be followed accurately.

301 South 21st Street, Otto Spurr, architect. Approval is recommended for the architect's plan to install doors to a parking area in the garden. A detail of the door moulding profile is requested for the Commission's file.

534 Delancey Street, J. Samitz, contractor. Approval of this plan for a complete restoration is recommended with the suggestion that a four light transom be installed over the entrance door and that the shutter and door mouldings should follow the detail submitted rather than the elevation.

SUBMISSIONS (Cont'd)

507 Delancey Street, Paul Vinicoff, architect. The Committee recommends the approval of the architect's plan calling for a new addition to the rear of this historically certified building.

PROBLEMS

921 Spruce Street. The owner's request for permission to place a flower box on the steps to the corner entrance of this building was reviewed by the Committee and approval is recommended. The flower box will discourage persons from attempting to enter there since the door will not be an operable one. The Committee suggests that the architect be asked to submit a drawing of the flower box specifying the construction materials and indicating its design.

2107 Bainbridge Street. The Committee agreed that if the Commission decided to recertify this building and if it is then completely and accurately restored, it can be considered for the receipt of a plaque.

PLAQUES

126 Catharine Street. Approval of the "Certified Restored" plaque is recommended.

1041 Lombard Street. The Committee reviewed the owner's request and recommended that the Commission not issue a plaque to the building at this time. It was noted that the shutters on the first floor do not correspond to those approved by the Commission; shutters are needed on the second floor; the dormer window is incorrect; the cellar entrance has not been properly restored; and, finally, the alarm box on the building facade should be removed.

210 Fitzwater Street. This request was held for the receipt of better photographs.

434 Lombard Street. The Committee noted that the restoration as executed does not correspond with the approved drawings on file in the Commission office. A revised drawing should be submitted for review and approval. Also, the exterior storm sash on the upper floors must be removed before a plaque can be issued.

304 South American Street. The Committee recommends that the Commission award this building a "Certified Altered" plaque.

317 Spruce Street. Approval of a "Certified Restored" plaque is recommended.

2116 Green Street. Dr. Tyler reported that the brownstone had been restored as recommended by this Committee. A "Certified Restored" plaque is recommended.

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PLAQUES (Cont'd)

248 Catharine Street. Dr. Tyler inspected the building and found the brickwork over the first floor window to be sloppy; the door and frame unpainted; and the rainwater conductor not properly restored in accordance with the drawing on file in the Commission office.

U.S. Mint Columns at the Einstein Hospital. The hospital's request for a plaque was reviewed by the Committee and tabled for further consideration.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 4:15 P. M.

Respectfully submitted,

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