

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

19 March 1980

Herbert W. Levy, A.I.A., Chairman

Present: Herbert W. Levy, A.I.A., Chairman, Architectural Advisor to the Commission
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
Janet S. Klein, Vice Chairman of the Commission
Richard Tyler, Historian
Patricia Siemiontkowski, Executive Assistant to the Chairman
Jefferson M. Moak, Historical Research Technician

Also

present: D. Hughes Cauffman and Gardner A. Cadwalader of FRANCIS CAUFFMAN WILKINSON
& PEPPER to present plans for renovations to the University of
Pennsylvania Boat House.
Charles Newman, Architect, to present his proposal for the rehabilitation
of 53 E. Logan Street.
Hans Egli, Architect, to present his plans for the construction of a
building at 522 Woodland Terrace.
Irv Shapiro, Architect, to present his proposal for the restoration
of the buildings, 912 and 914 Spruce Street.
Bill Headley to discuss with the Committee his proposal for the partial
restoration of the ground floor at 37 South 3rd Street.

SUBMISSIONS FOR ALTERATIONS

University of Pennsylvania Boat House, East River Drive, FRANCIS CAUFFMAN
WILKINSON & PEPPER, Architects. Mr. D. Hughes Cauffman and Mr.
Gardner Cadwalader appeared before the Architectural Committee to
present their preliminary submission for renovations and additions
to the University of Pennsylvania Boat House. The new additions to
the structure will provide equal facilities for women members of
the club. The proposed alterations include the addition of a new
bay to the riverfront elevation, a second floor addition to the
existing one-story portion of the building, the construction of a
new exit stair and other various renovations. While the Committee
agreed to recommend the approval of the proposed project, in concept,
they suggested some revision of the east and west elevations. The
Committee asked that the area between the two gable ends on each of
these elevations be treated as a mansard. In addition, they suggested

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that the four gable ends be executed in a manner similar to the East River Drive gable with its decorative wood trim.

In all other respects, the Committee found the submission to be acceptable. Before a final approval is granted, a complete set of working drawings must be submitted for further review.

53 E. Logan Street, Charles Newman, Architect. Mr. Newman presented his plans for the rehabilitation of the building situate at 53 E. Logan Street to the Committee for review. The Committee members found Mr. Newman's proposal to be acceptable and agreed to recommend its approval to the Commission. Since the proposed work does not constitute a complete restoration of the structure, 53 E. Logan Street will not be eligible for a plaque upon completion of the work.

522 Woodland Terrace, Hans Egli, Architect. As a courtesy, Mr. Egli presented his plans for the construction of a new building of contemporary design on the lot located at 522 Woodland Terrace. The houses within the 500 block of Woodland Terrace are listed on both the local and national registers. The Committee members thanked Mr. Egli for his presentation and expressed their satisfaction with his contemporary treatment of the proposed new structure.

912 and 914 Spruce Street, Irv Shapiro, Architect. Mr. Shapiro presented his plans calling for the restoration of 912 and 914 Spruce Street to the Committee for review. The Committee examined the plans, in detail, and agreed to recommend an approval of Mr. Shapiro's submission, in concept. However, it was agreed that additional specifications and details would be required before a final approval can be issued. Sections through the window frames, shutters and window muntins must be submitted along with roof shingle and mortar specifications. The new downspout should be round, not corrugated, and executed in anodized aluminum. Moreover, the Committee asked that the transom lights over the doors match the original design found at 916 Spruce Street. All marble should be thoroughly cleaned with a non-abrasive cleaning solution.

If a plaque is desired, the buildings must be completely and accurately restored. This would include the restoration of the original iron railings and basement grilles as well as all the aforementioned items. Before a final approval can be granted, revised drawings including all required details and sections must be submitted for further review.

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37 South 3rd Street, Bill Headley. Mr. Headley presented to the Committee his proposal for the partial restoration of the ground floor at 37 South 3rd Street. Mr. Headley expressed his intention to expose the original arched openings within three bays on the ground floor and to restore the original transom lights. While the Committee encouraged the replacement or reproduction of the original doors within these openings, as shown in the Commission's photographs of the building, they agreed to allow the installation of doors of a more simple design. These doors, however, should fill the entire opening up to the line of the original transom bar.

Mr. Headley agreed to revise his drawing in conformance with the above recommendations and to submit it to the Commission staff for a final review and approval.

PLAQUES

119 Elfreth's Alley. Both Mr. Bartley and Mr. Levy agreed to inspect this building to determine its eligibility for a Commission plaque.

48 South 3rd Street. The Committee members recommended that a "Certified Altered" plaque be awarded to 48 South 3rd Street.

314 Fulton Street. Mr. Bartley agreed to inspect this building and report his findings to the Commission staff.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:00 P. M.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Siemiontkowski
Executive Assistant to the Chairman