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THE MINUTES OF THE SEVENTY-NINTH STATED MEETING OF THE
PHILADELPHIA HISTORICAL COMMISSION

25 February 1964

Present were: Mr. Harry A. Batten
Mr. Richmond P. Miller
Dr. Roy Franklin Nichols
Mr. George K. Trautwein
Mr. R. Norris Williams, II.

Mr. Grant M. Simon, F.A.I.A., Chairman

Also present: Mr. J. Edgar Durham, Deputy Director of Finance
Mr. Oscar Goodstein, representing Commissioner Day
Dr. Margaret B. Tinkcom, Historian
Mrs. Charles J. Maurer, Secretary
Miss Constance F. Smith, Clerk II.

Unless otherwise noted, all actions taken herein were the
result of motions properly proposed, seconded and carried.

Disregarding the usual order of business, the Chairman called the Meeting to order
to reorganize the Commission. By unanimous acclaim, the Members called Mr. Simon
to the Chair. It was agreed to dispense with a secretary appointed from the Members.

The Chairman reappointed the two committees: Dr. Roy Franklin Nichols to be the
continuing Chairman of the Historic Values Committee; Mr. George K. Trautwein,
the continuing Chairman of the Architectural Committee, to which Mr. Simon ap-
pointed Mr. Richmond P. Miller, newly appointed Member by Mayor James H. J. Tate.

Mr. Goodstein stated that Commissioner Charles G. Day had been notified by the
Mayor's office that there will be one more Member appointed before the next Stated
Meeting.

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The Chairman remarked that the Historical Commission now begins a new term; that
it will be engaged, as in the past, in a program of education in history and arch-
itecture; and added that it will not be sunk in minutiae but will concern itself
with larger issues, including the larger buildings deemed worthy of preservation.

The Chairman then referred to an article in THE PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER by Hugh Scott,
in which the preservation of historic buildings was attributed solely to the Old
Philadelphia Development Corporation and the Redevelopment Authority, asking what
could best be done to correct this error. It was agreed that the Commission should
work closely with Mr. Joseph Chase of the City Representative's Office, giving him
material to send to the newspapers. The Chairman delegated Dr. Tinkcom to work on
this matter.

THE MINUTES for the Meeting 28 January, 1964 were approved as circulated.

REPORTS

The Historic Values Committee - Dr. Roy Franklin Nichols, Chairman.

Action arising from this report entailed the writing of three letters

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OLD BUSINESS continued

Sixth and Walnut Streets, was deemed to be beyond the jurisdiction of the Historical Commission unless the question came directly from the Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission in Harrisburg. No action was taken, therefore.

There being no further business the Meeting was adjourned at five o'clock.