

MINUTES OF THE 213th STATED MEETING OF THE PHILADELPHIA HISTORICAL COMMISSION

5 May 1977

F. Otto Haas, Chairman

Present: F. Otto Haas, Chairman of the Commission
Janet S. Klein, Vice Chairman of the Commission
Mrs. James C. Crumlish, Jr.
Val Mogensen, Deputy Director, Finance Department
Herbert W. Levy, A.I.A., Architectural Advisor to the Commission
David Rosenblum, Esq., Assistant City Solicitor, Law Department
Richard Tyler, Historian
Patricia Slemiontkowski, Executive Assistant to the Chairman

Unless otherwise noted, all action taken herein is the result of motions correctly made, seconded and carried.

THE MINUTES of the Stated Meeting, 7 April 1977, were approved and directed to be filed.

REPORTS

The Report of the Architectural Committee for 20 April 1977 was reviewed. Mr. Levy suggested that the report be amended to refuse granting a plaque to the Curtis Institute buildings situate at 231-33-35 South 18th Street since a subsequent inspection of the buildings revealed air conditioning units projecting from the windows. The report was approved, as amended, and directed to be filed with the official copy of the Minutes.

Recommendations by the Staff for the Certification of Buildings, Richard Tyler, Historian. The Commission agreed to certify the Smith Memorial Playhouse located at 33rd and Oxford Streets in Fairmount Park at the request of Thatcher N. Bowers, Executive Director of the Smith Memorial Playgrounds and Playhouses.

The Commission agreed to the ratification of the certification of the following buildings within the Old City Historic District:

35 South Third Street
41 South Third Street
43 South Third Street
45 South Third Street

14 South Third Street
16 South Third Street
18 South Third Street
20 South Third Street

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The following buildings were removed from the administrative list:

1 through 11 1/2 South Third Street
13 South Third Street
15 South Third Street
17 South Third Street
47 South Third Street
49 South Third Street

Following the review of the above buildings, questions concerning certification within the Old City Historic District and the importance of these buildings as part of the district were raised by the Commission members. Dr. Tyler suggested that a review of certification criteria and procedures be considered at the Commission's June meeting prior to continuing with the Old City Survey.

Report on Historical Commission Staff Activities for the month of April, Richard Tyler, Historian. Dr. Tyler's report was approved and directed to be filed with the official copy of the Minutes.

NEW BUSINESS

Bartram House Renovations, Richard Tyler, Historian. Dr. Tyler asked for the Commission's endorsement of a proposed study of the Bartram House and gardens. A determination of affect on the property had been requested by the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission. The Commission agreed to endorse this project.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:45 P. M.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Sieniontkowski
Executive Assistant to the Chairman

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