

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

21 October 1975

Herbert W. Levy, Chairman

Present: Herbert W. Levy, A.I.A., Chairman, Architectural Advisor to the Commission
Theodore T. Bartley, Jr., A.I.A., American Institute of Architects, Philadelphia Chapter, Preservation Committee.
Erling H. Pedersen, A.I.A., Old Philadelphia Development Corporation
Henry J. Magaziner, A.I.A., Architect for the Mid-Atlantic Region, National Park Service.
Russell Milnor, A.I.A., Architect for the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority.
Richard Tyler, Historian.
Patricia Siemiontkowski, Executive Assistant to the Chairman.

Also: Gary Jones, Washington Square West Project Area Committee.
Richard Meyer of Bower and Fradley, Architects, and Thomas MacGuire of the Franklin Institute, to present their proposal for alterations to the Franklin Institute.
Chandler Jackson, Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority, to present for review rehabilitation specifications for the 2100 block of Bainbridge Street.
Jerry Clawson, Architect, to present his resubmission for alterations to the building situate at 1238 Pine Street.

SUBMISSIONS

Franklin Institute, Bower and Fradley, Architects. Richard Meyer and Thomas MacGuire presented to the Architectural Committee their long range proposals for the completion of the Franklin Institute Museum. At this point, however, they asked for permission to renovate only the room situate to the left of Franklin Hall. The room will be converted back to its original condition as an exhibition hall although temporary offices will be provided. Approval of this project is recommended to the Board.

Solitude, John Lloyd, Architect. Mr. Lloyd's working drawings and specifications were reviewed by the Committee. Approval is recommended.

506 South Fourth Street. The owner's request for permission to make a number of alterations to this building was reviewed by the Committee. It was agreed that the building should be completely restored and that the owner be referred to the Architects' Workshop for assistance in the preparation of measured drawings.

Northwest corner Second and Stamper Streets, Hugh Zimmers, Architect. The Committee agreed to allow the introduction of two windows into the first floor gable wall of this building. The fabric behind the shutters must be masonry and not glass as proposed by the tenant. Also, to allow use of the window as a service opening, the Committee recommended lengthening the window by adding an additional row of lights. This will make the window six over nine lights - similar to the second floor windows at 400 South Second Street (Pine Street elevation).

SUBMISSIONS (Cont'd)

2038 and 2044 Mt. Vernon Street, Irving Shapiro, Architect. Approval is recommended for the complete restoration of these two buildings.

108 Kemilworth Street (window detail), John Czarnowski, Architect. The window and shutter elevation are acceptable to the Committee. The staff will provide the architect with profiles of the moldings.

320 South Fann Street, Hugh Zimmers, Architect. The architect's plan to construct a third floor addition to this building is recommended for approval. The Committee noted, however, that the building would not be eligible for a plaque.

Bourse Building, Fifth and Chestnut Streets, Ewing, Cole, Erdman, Risgo, Cherry, Parsky, Architects. The Committee recommends approval of the firm's plan to alter a section of the first floor of this building for use by the International Press Club.

735 Spruce Street. The owner's request to stucco the entire building, excluding the front facade, was reviewed by the Committee. Approval of this request is recommended.

1238 Pine Street, Curtis Kubiak and Jerry Clawson, Architects. Mr. Clawson presented his resubmission for alterations to this building to the Committee. Approval is recommended. Since the proposed alterations do not constitute a full restoration, the building will not be eligible for a plaque.

319 Pine Street, Sheikholesami-Kashing Partnership. The Committee reviewed the proposal for the introduction of windows into the gable wall of this building and recommended a change in the plan. The existing window at the second floor should be retained and an additional window installed directly under it. Another vertical row of three windows, one on each floor, can be introduced into the gable wall, on the center line, if so desired. Finally, the Committee agreed that the design on the rear of the building was not compatible with the neighborhood and asked that the architect restudy his proposal for that elevation. A resubmission is required.

Memorial Hall, Geddes, Brecher, Qualls, Cunningham, Architects. The Committee recommends the approval of this project for the clearing and repairing of the existing building.

1802 Delaney Street. The owner's request to install new windows on the Panama Street elevation of this building was reviewed by the Committee. Approval is recommended.

DEMOLITIONS

Osteopathic Hospital, Twentieth and Susquehanna Avenue. The Committee recommends that the Board permit the demolition of this building as requested by the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority.

REHABILITATION SPECIFICATIONS

Mr. Chandler Jackson, Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority, presented to the Committee his request for the approval of specifications for the general rehabilitation of the buildings situate at 2109, 2111, 2119, 2121, and 2143 Bainbridge Street. The buildings, eligible for funds under the IPA Rehabilitation Program, will be brought up to Building Code requirements with federal money. Since the area is a low-income neighborhood, the owners cannot undertake the expense of an accurate restoration as required by the Commission. After some discussion, the Committee agreed to recommend to the Commission the decertification of the above buildings.

PLAQUES

6901 Germantown Avenue. At the request of the owner, a list of specifications outlining alterations needed to bring the existing structure up to the Commission's standards for receipt of a plaque will be drawn up. The Committee noted that extensive alterations will be required to restore, fully and accurately, the building and that it would agree to award the owner a Certificate of Merit in lieu of the plaque.

As a result of the above the Committee agreed to ask the Commission to consider the adoption of a second plaque which acknowledges the preservation and/or restoration of a structure which reflects the successful integration of design elements from more than one period.

Byberry Friends Meeting. The Committee confirmed its previous recommendation against issuing a plaque to this building since the addition on the rear is not compatible with the certified structure.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Siemiontkowski
Executive Assistant to the Chairman

/pas