

MINUTES OF THE ARCHITECTURAL COMMITTEE OF THE PHILADELPHIA HISTORICAL COMMISSION

19 June 1973

Present: Mr. Henry J. Magaziner, A.I.A., Chairman, Architectural Advisor to the Commission
Mr. Erling H. Pedersen, A.I.A., Old Philadelphia Development Corporation
Mr. Louis Kremer, A.I.A., Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority
Dr. Margaret B. Tinkcom, Historian

SUBMISSIONS

216 Delancey Street, John H. Burris, R. A. The submission was approved in general with the request that shutters be hung at the second floor level since hardware indicates their presence there originally. The architect is asked to restudy the shutter design.

Head House East, A. DeRoy Mark, R. A. This submission includes the facades for 419, 421, 423, and 425 South Second Street and a request for the demolition of 129-31 Lombard Street.

419-21 South Second Street. The Commission requests that no shutters be hung at the second and third floor levels in spite of the existing hardware. (The insurance survey for 1828 does not mention the presence of shutters.) It was the architects' opinion that the brick work of these two houses is unusually handsome and should not be obscured by the addition of shutters. The proposed board to carry advertising is not acceptable and should be eliminated.

423 South Second Street. The Commission recommends in view of the proposal to use a nineteenth century store front that the entire facade be given a nineteenth century appearance with window sash with two over two lights and louvered shutters at the second and third stories.

The sheet of drawings relating to the bake oven and the bake house will be reviewed at the next Architectural Committee meeting. Further information is needed before this can be reviewed.

129-31 Lombard Street. The demolition of these severely deteriorated structures was reluctantly approved.

901 Clinton Street, Richard Herskovitz, R. A. The drawings submitted by Richard Herskovitz were reviewed without comment since the material to replace the frontispiece had been ordered without waiting for the approval of the Philadelphia Historical Commission.

806 Locust Street, John A. Clauser, R. A. The Historical Commission discussed the proposals for the introduction of three small theatres within the shell of Musical Fund Hall. The Committee was of the opinion that the proposal is an interesting one and, in general, expressed their approval. The Committee will await the working drawings as well as elevations of the facade with interest.

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3809 Locust Walk, John F. Lloyd, R. A. The proposal for interior work only was approved. It is understood that drawings showing the work to be done on the facade will be presented later.

151 North Fourth Street, P. Richard Frantz, R. A. The Committee approved the drawings with their sheets of details for the restoration of 151 North Fourth Street. It was recommended that the Fourth Street windows and doorway for the new building at 153 North Fourth Street be a duplicate of the door and windows proposed for 151 North Fourth using the same sheets of details when the millwork is ordered.

Walnut Street Theatre and 825 Walnut Street, John M. Dickey, A.I.A.
The proposal for the introduction of signs on the Ninth Street facade of the theatre and for the erection of a flagpole at 825 Walnut Street was approved.

The Church of St. Luke and The Epiphany, Mr. James Carson, mechanical engineer. The Committee was of the opinion that they did not have sufficient information to comment on this request. The church will be asked to present an elevation drawing showing the sign in position. The sign, as described, appeared to be unusually large and out of scale with its surroundings.

DEMOLITIONS

604-06-08 South Hancock Street. The Committee agreed to table these for further study.

129-31 Lombard Street. See: Head House East

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524 Pine Street. Dr. Colberg is asked to submit a drawing of the facade (to scale) showing the frontispiece in place. The frontispiece was agreed to be of an appropriate design for use on Dr. Colberg's house but the architects questioned whether there was room to install it properly.

Southwest corner Seventh and Locust Streets. Although this property has not been certified by the Historical Commission, it is a fine building circa 1915 and should remain. It anchors the corner of the structures facing one of Philadelphia's original squares and lies within a Historic District so designated on the National Register of Historic Places.

708 South Washington Square. The Committee agreed to require the owner to restore the dormer to its original appearance and to raise the entrance from the street to its original level in line with those of the other houses on this side of the Square. The architects also recommended that the original arch-head doorway be rebuilt, however, in view of the

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sandstone band course presently existing between the first and second stories, this may not be practical. In that case, a squarehead doorway will be accepted. Finally, the vousoirs with their key blocks like those above the second story windows will not be required, since these would give the facade a cluttered appearance in view of the aforementioned band course.

PLAQUES

509 Delancey Street. No plaque can be issued until the cornice is restored to one appropriate to the building date.

1830 Rittenhouse Square. Approved.

700 South Front Street. Tabled until Mr. Krumar can examine the building.

901 Clinton Street. Refused.

103 North Van Pelt Street. Approved.

117, 121, 127 North Van Pelt Street and 2043 Appletree Street. These do not in the Committee's opinion qualify for plaques. They recommended, however, that Certificates of Merit be awarded the owners.

SUGGESTED REVISIONS OF THE ARCHITECTURAL COMMITTEE'S REQUIREMENTS - See attached sheet.

Respectfully submitted,

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