

THE MINUTES OF THE FIFTY-FIRST MEETING OF THE PHILADELPHIA HISTORICAL COMMISSION

April 25, 1961

Present were: Mr. George K. Trautwein
Mr. R. Norris Williams, II.

Mr. Grant M. Simon, Chairman

Also present: Mr. Philip Carroll, representing Commissioner Gennetti
Mr. Harry G. McDowell, Deputy Director of Finance

Dr. Margaret B. Tinkcom, Historian
Mrs. Charles J. Maurer, Executive Secretary

Mr. Harry M. Batten approved the actions taken, so constituting a quorum

Unless otherwise stated, all actions reported herein have been taken after motions properly seconded and carried.

THE MINUTES FOR MARCH 28, 1961, were approved as read

REPORTS

The Historic Values Committee did not meet and had no report to present

Mr. Trautwein, Chairman of the Architectural Committee read his report, which is attached. It was approved.

Dr. Tinkcom read her report on the Commission's activities. It was approved and is attached.

Re-evaluation of Clerk Stenographer I. It was moved, seconded and carried that the matter be left in Dr. Tinkcom's hands for further study.

Phrasing of a paragraph to be added to a form letter sent to all applicants for a plaque was approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Demolition by Neglect. Mr. McDowell had nothing further to report since his statement of November 1960 at the Stated Meeting, when he reported that the Mayor's Cabinet thought the time inappropriate to present the matter to City Council.

The Historian reported having met Mr. Wilson, AIA Preservation Officer for New Orleans, who stated that the Court had upheld the New Orleans ordinance in the two cases which had recently come before it for adjudication. Dr. Tinkcom was asked to obtain copies of arguments and of the judges' decisions. It was agreed that the matter should be re-activated upon receipt of this information.

OLD BUSINESS continued

Amendment to Senate Bill No. 172. Mr. McDowell reported that the Deputy City Solicitor states there is nothing mandatory about the Bill as it stands and that it, therefore, does not affect the Historical Commission. It was moved, seconded and carried that the matter be dropped.

Advisory Board of Design. The Chairman reported on the Meeting of April 13, 1961, at which the designs for the Third Street houses, previously discussed, were again submitted. The Hon. Victor E. Moore has agreed to call another meeting in his office to which the list of interested persons prepared by the Chairman will be invited. It was moved, seconded and carried that the list be adopted as read.

Shoomac Park. A letter from Commissioner Smallwood was read. It was moved, seconded and carried that the demolition permit be granted, and that a letter stating the Commission's regret that this matter was not officially brought to its attention at an earlier date be sent to the Commissioner of Streets at once.

NEW BUSINESS

Aesthetics. The Chairman commented on the increasing need for an aesthetic control on building construction. Such controls do function in other countries. The Commission is endeavoring to obtain more information concerning this matter.

Operating Budget for 1962. It was recommended that the budget, as presented by Dr. Tinkcom, be adopted. See attached sheet.

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

Respectfully submitted,

for Charles E. Peterson, Secretary

PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGET, 1962, continued

TOTALS

Class 100 Personal Services

Executive Secretary	\$ 4,786	
Clerk Stenographer I.	<u>3,554</u>	\$ 8,340

Class 200 Purchase of Services

Professional Services

Dr. Margaret B. Tinkcom	\$ 4,500
1000 hours @ \$4.50	
Beatrice K. Kirkbride	3,600
1000 hours @ \$3.00	
Richard S. Fuller	2,500
1000 hours @ \$2.50	
Edwin Iwanicki	1,250
1000 hours @ \$1.25	
A. Adele Rudolph	750
Honorarium	
New projects	<u>431</u>
Sub total	\$13,031

Miscellaneous

Dues	
National Trust	\$25.
Citizens Council	<u>15.</u> 40
Transportation	350
Communications	<u>45</u>
Sub total	\$ 435

\$13,466

Class 300 Supplies

Books	\$ 130
Office Supplies	220
Photographic Supplies	600
Printing	<u>150</u>

\$ 1,100

Class 400 Office Equipment

Filing Cabinet	\$ 120
Metal Desk	100
Bookcase Section	<u>30</u>

\$ 250

TOTAL \$23,156