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MINUTES OF THE ARCHITECTURAL COMMITTEE OF THE PHILADELPHIA HISTORICAL COMMISSION

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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. Theodore T. Bartley, Jr., A.I.A., Philadelphia Chapter of the American Institute of Architects, Preservation Committee
Mr. Russell Milnor, A.I.A., Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority
Mr. Gary Jones, Representative of the Washington Square West Project Area Committee
Mr. Richard Tyler, Historian
Miss Patricia Siemiontkowski, Executive Assistant to the Chairman

Also: Mr. A. DeRoy Mark, A.I.A., Mr. Sheldon Tabb, Esq., and Mr. Baer in regard to the premises, 321 South Sixth Street.
Mr. Charles Squire of the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority in regard to 4128-30 Germantown Avenue.

SUBMISSIONS

✓ 321 South Sixth Street, A. DeRoy Mark, Architect. The owner, with his attorney and architect, appeared before the Architectural Committee to appeal the Committee's prior rejection of two proposals for the construction of a new building to replace the existing historically certified structure. After some discussion, the Committee ~~expressed the hope that the architect could design a good contemporary facade--~~ reaffirmed its previous opinion that the contemporary structure, reviewed and rejected by on 1 July 1974, was totally incompatible with the streetscape and could not be allowed.* The Committee asked that the architect design a structure sympathetic in scale and design with the surrounding buildings and ~~one-- we with a--~~ having a facade flush with the others on the street.

* The first proposal, a reconstruction of ~~an~~ a nineteenth century carriage house, was rejected by the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority before coming to the Historical Commission ~~because of--~~ since the Authority's refusal to allow curb cuts on Sixth Street, as called for in the plan, architect's plan, are not permitted.

~~The Committee asked that the architect--~~

✓ Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts, Day and Zimmerman Associates. The Committee agreed to allow the staff to approve the building permit application for interior alterations while the Committee reviews-- continues to review the working drawings as presented,///. The architects will also be asked to submit an elevation showing all exterior alterations.

✓ 408-10 Lombard Street, Leon Levin, Architect. This submission was approved ~~with the recommendation that panelled shutters be hung on the first floor~~
~~in place of louvers.~~

✓ 310 Gaskill Street, Robert Boucek, Architect. This submission was approved with the recommendation that panelled shutters be hung on the first floor in place of louvers.

✓ 526 South Front Street, Mark Ueland, Architect. The Committee reviewed the revised drawings for alterations to this historically certified building and agreed to recommend the ~~replacem-~~ construction of a brick facade on Front Street and the installation of appropriate iron railings at the third floor level. ~~in-a-keeping-with-the-sh-~~ The approval of the revised drawings was based on the Committee's ~~app-~~ prior a review and approval of a similar proposal. Finally, it was agreed that the structure should be presented to the Board with a recommendation for decertification and that ~~it-also--~~ it also be ~~ee~~ presented to the State for removal from the State Register.

✓ 1801-05 Walnut Street, Colin Smith, Architect. The Committee agreed to allow the construction of an ~~ine~~ interior stair which will allow the retention of the stained glass windows and fireplace on the first floor of the building.

✓ 923 South Second Street, Larry Boguszewski, Contractor. ~~-As-a-result-of-a-violation-made-by-the-Dept.-of-L&I,-the-owner-wishes-~~ The Committee reviewed the ~~Gen~~ drawing/// for the rehabilitation of this building and agreed that the second and third floor of the facade should be retained, if possible, when the first floor store front is removed. If a new front is necessary, the original sills, lintels, cornice, etc. should be salvaged and reused; ~~All-sash-must-be-two-over-two-lights-~~ brick and mortar ~~color-should-match-the-original-~~ should match the original in texture and color and be laid in the same syle and with the same striking. ~~Finallym~~ The Committee's suggests the installation of a Victorian door, either two or four panels, and a single light vertical transom it. with
Finally, a cellar windows rather than a bulkhead is ~~sugg--~~ recommended.

✓ 1128-30 Germantown Avenue, Phila. Redevelopment Authority. The Committee approved the RA's plan to preserve the existing structure. This, ~~of--~~ rehab., of course, cannot be considered a restoration and would not ~~make-the-house-~~ merit a plaque.

✓ City Hall (railings), City of Philadelphia. Approved.

✓ Ft. Mifflin Hospital, Phila. District Corps of Engineers. This proposal is approved with the recommendation that all meeting rails ~~i~~ ^{the} and shutters be lowered.

✓ 402 South Front Street, Josphat-Zyberk, Architect. The Committee approved ~~the-plan-for-the-restoration-of-this-building-as-but--the-concept--~~ the architect's proposal for the use and restoration of this fine structure. It was noted, however, that the first floor windows should be taller - approximately seven feet - and that box window frames should be installed with 8 x10 glass in all sash. The staff will furnish the architect with details of the cornice, shutters, door, and frontispiece.

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DEMOLITIONS

34 South Third Street. The Committee unanimously agreed not to allow the complete demolition of this building. It is suggested that the rear wing of the structure be torn off to allow access from Chestnut Street to the parking lot on Third Street.

REHABILITATION SPECIFICATIONS

- ✓ 1134 Pine Street. The rehabilitation specifications for this building were approved as presented.
- ✓ 1136-40 Pine Street. The Committee ~~suggested the reconstruction of the Victorian front-- the Victorian facade identical to that on Twelfth Street--~~ recommended the demolition of the existing facade and the reconstruction of a Victorian front similar to that found on Twelfth-- the Twelfth Street side of the building.
- ✓ 228 South Ninth Street. The specifications for the restoration of this building were approved with the requirement that the south facade duplicate the original south facade of the now demolished building at 230 South Ninth Street. (The entrance door may remain on 9th Street.)

PROBLEMS

- ✓ 2020 Race Street. The Committee agreed to allow the installation of a skylight on the roof of this building.
- ✓ 773 South Front Street. The Committee agreed to approve the building permit application for ~~illegal~~ the illegal installation of siding on the rear of this building.
- 139 Elfreth's Alley. The Committee agreed that a letter could be sent to the ~~Plumbing-Inspecti-~~ Dept. of I&I urging them to allow the retention of the drainspout over the adjoining property at 137 Elfreth's Alley if the owner of that building does not object.

PLAQUES

- ✓ 2036 Spring Garden Street. Approved
- 333 S. 7th Street. A plaque cannot be awarded since the restoration is not in accordance with the plans approved by the Commission.
- ✓ 319 South 6th Street. Approved.
- 300 South Thirty-sixth Street. Approved.

AWARD OF MERIT

- 312-14 Race Street. The Committee will be pleased to issue an Award of Merit to this building upon completion of its rehabilitation.