

THE SIXTY-EIGHTH STATED MEETING OF THE PHILADELPHIA HISTORICAL COMMISSION

22 January, 1963

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

Mr. Grant M. Simon, Chairman

Also present: Mr. David Albright, as Mr. Simon's guest
Mr. Philip Carroll, representing Mr. Corleto, Commissioner
of Public Property
Mr. William H. Lindsay, Jr., Assistant Commissioner, Department
of Licenses & Inspections, Building Division
Mr. Sydney E. Martin, Architect for the Academy of Music
Albert J. Persichetti, Esq., Assistant City Solicitor
Dr. Margaret B. Tinkcom, Historian
Mrs. Charles J. Maurer, Executive Secretary

Unless otherwise stated, all actions mentioned herein were
taken after motions properly presented, seconded and carried.

THE MINUTES for 27 November, 1962, were approved as circulated

REPORTS

The Historic Values Committee, Dr. Roy Franklin Nichols, Chairman
The Report was approved as read.

The Architectural Committee, Mr. George K. Trautwein, Chairman
The Reports were approved as read. (Two reports: 14 Dec.'62; 18 Jan.'63)

The Commission's Activities, Dr. Margaret B. Tinkcom, Historian
The Report was approved as read.

The Seventh Annual Report. The Report was approved as circulated.

OLD BUSINESS

425 Spruce Street. Mr. Lindsay reported that the problem is created by the architect's proposal to take out the existing stairs and to replace them with winders designed to conform to the available space. This had been referred to the Board of Building Standards, which is considering the matter. Mr. Lindsay further noted that there are two ordinances which apply to winders in certified buildings: One ordinance providing for the retention of existing winders, the other permits new winders to be built if they conform to certain specified requirements. Mr. Lindsay emphasized that the Department of L & I cannot ignore the Building Code in matters of restoration but added that the Commission's letter in support of the proposed winders will be given due consideration.

OLD BUSINESS continued

1035 Spruce Street. Mr. Persichetti was invited to comment on the Commission's position with regard to its refusal to permit the demolition of this building. (The six-month waiting period enjoined on the owner by the Commission will terminate on February 7th.) The importance of granting a hearing to owners of properties when the Commission does not approve of the application for demolition was emphasized. The Commission pointed out the fact that the owner of 1035 Spruce had not asked for a hearing; if he had, it would have been accorded him without question. Mr. Persichetti insisted, nevertheless, that the Commission is under an obligation, expressly set forth in Bill #695, to notify any person against whom adverse action has been taken, that he may appear at a specified time to state his position in the matter. It was resolved that a statement to that effect be incorporated in the letter notifying the owner of the Commission's action.

NOTE: For the convenience of Messrs. Lindsay, Persichetti and Martin, the order of business was slightly changed.

Musical Fund Hall. The Chairman reported having met the Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee of the Musical Fund Society and had been told that progress is being made toward the acquisition and restoration of this building.

List of Larger Buildings, which present problems in restoration. The matter is carried over to a later meeting.

276 South Third Street. It was reported that the Redevelopment Authority has asked the Historical Commission to give approval for the demolition of this building, inasmuch as it has not been possible for the Old Philadelphia Development Corporation to find a buyer in the eight months of concerted effort just past. It was resolved that a letter be sent to the Authority stating the Commission's reluctance to grant this until it is convinced that every possible effort has been made to find a purchaser. It was further resolved that the Redevelopment Authority be asked to consider a less limited use for the building and to have its availability publicized. The Commission expressed its willingness to discuss the matter with Mr. Lammer.

NEW BUSINESS

The Academy of Music. The plans for the restoration of the exterior of the Academy were reviewed and approved. The Chairman emphasized the point that, in this case, whether this is an 1857 or an 1887 restoration is not of concern to the Commission, in view of the fact that the original fabric is not damaged. The Meeting concurred.

National Headquarters for the American Medical Association. The Chairman read a letter from Samuel B. Hadden, M.D., explaining the Association's proposal to erect a Shrine to American Medicine. Dr. Hadden asked the Commission for a letter signifying its interest in this proposal. It was agreed that such a letter be written, but that it should indicate the Commission's inability to offer material help.

NEW BUSINESS continued

Key to the Head House. The matter is carried over to a later meeting.

Salvage from Preston Retreat. It was resolved to write to the new owner of this handsome certified building, asking him to consider preserving the portico at least, particularly if the Fairmount Park Commission can be prevailed upon to set it up in a suitable place in The Park. It was also resolved to ask when this structure will be demolished.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:30 P. M.

Respectfully submitted &c.....

The following buildings were certified by the
Philadelphia Historical Commission on
22 January 1963

516 S. 3rd St.	403 Gaskill St.	309 South St.
501 S. 4th St.	405 Gaskill St.	311 South St.
511 S. 4th St.	407 Gaskill St.	315 South St.
513 S. 4th St.	409 Gaskill St.	317 South St.
515 S. 4th St.	411 Gaskill St.	321 South St.
502 S. 4th St.	413-415 Gaskill St.	323 South St.
504 S. 4th St.	417 Gaskill St.	325 South St.
506 S. 4th St.	and 3 court houses	329 South St.
518 S. 4th St.	419 Gaskill St.	333 South St.
508 S. 4th St.	402 Gaskill St.	335 South St.
520 S. 4th St.	404 Gaskill St.	337 South St.
522 S. 4th St.	406 Gaskill St.	339 South St.
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301 Gaskill St.	519 S. Leithgow St.	
303 Gaskill St.	521 S. Leithgow St.	
305 Gaskill St.	523 S. Leithgow St.	
307 Gaskill St.	525 S. Leithgow St.	
309 Gaskill St.		
311 Gaskill St.	331 Lombard St.	
313 Gaskill St.	333 Lombard St.	
315 Gaskill St.	302 Lombard St.	
317 Gaskill St.	304-306 Lombard St.	
319 Gaskill St.	and 4 court houses	
321 Gaskill St.	308 Lombard St.	
323 Gaskill St.	310 Lombard St.	
325 Gaskill St.	312 Lombard St.	
327 Gaskill St.	314 Lombard St.	
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