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MINUTES OF THE EIGHTY-SIXTH STATED MEETING OF THE PHILADELPHIA HISTORICAL COMMISSION

27 October, 1964

Present were: Mr. Harry A. Batten  
Mr. James L. Ferguson, Deputy Director of Finance  
Mr. Richmond P. Miller  
Mr. George K. Trautwein  
Mr. R. Norris Williams, II.

Mr. Grant M. Simon, Chairman

Also present: Mr. Oscar Goodstein, Administrative Services Officer to Mr. Day  
Dr. Margaret B. Tinkcom, Historian  
Mrs. Charles J. Maurer, Secretary  
Miss Constance F. Smith, Clerk II.

Unless otherwise noted, all actions taken herein are the result of motions properly made, seconded and carried.

THE MINUTES of the Stated Meeting held on 29 September, 1964, were approved as circulated.

REPORTS

Dr. Nichols had no report to present.

The Architectural Committee, Mr. George K. Trautwein, Chairman. The report was approved as read.

The Commission's Activities, Dr. Margaret B. Tinkcom, Historian involved the following points:

The Art Commission shall have a letter thanking it for action to be taken in regard to signs in proximity to certified buildings between 4200 and 8800 Germantown Avenue. Copies are to be sent to Judge Harold D. Saylor and Mr. Jack Hornung.

Dr. Tinkcom's Report was approved as read and ordered to be filed with the official copies of the Minutes.

OLD BUSINESS

The 1965 Budget

On the basis of a letter to the Chairman from Commissioner Day, it was agreed that nothing further can be done at present to reinstate the \$5,000 which has been withdrawn from the funds for research in the 1965 Operating Budget.

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## The Delaware Expressway

Dr. Tinkcom stated that Mrs. Kirkbride had made a detailed report on all structures which would be affected by the proposed route of the Delaware Expressway, and read a summary which is appended to these Minutes. It was resolved that the information shall be passed on to the proper authorities, the City Planning Commission and the Pennsylvania Department of Highways. This was approved.

## Loxley Court, 321, 323 Arch Street

It was reported that a letter from the Arch Street Businessmen's Association had been received, in which it was related that a representative of the Redevelopment Authority had stated that Loxley Court is to be preserved and put in the hands of a private developer for restoration.

## Naglee House, 4518 Germantown Avenue

Dr. Tinkcom reported on letters from Messrs. Childs and Klein; on a telephone call from Mr. Peter McCahill of the Redevelopment Authority and other contacts. Mr. Williams agreed to talk informally with Mr. Hufnagle of the Sun Oil Company. No other action is called for at this time.

Proposed brochure to be prepared by the Philadelphia Contributionship.

Mr. Batten suggested that Dr. Tinkcom prepare a draft of the proposition indicating the extent of the records and their usefulness, which Mr. Batten can use when talking to the Chairman of the Board.

## NEW BUSINESS

## The Shippen-Blair House, also known as The Laurens, 6043 Germantown Avenue

It was resolved that a letter be addressed to Judge Saylor, President of the Germantown Historical Society, and owner of the building, asking for full details of the Society's plans for this building. Meanwhile, the Commission will withhold approval on the permit until all facts are forthcoming.

## 431 Pine Street

It was resolved that the Redevelopment Authority's request for approval to demolish this building be given.

## The United States Naval Home, Gray's Ferry Avenue below Bainbridge Street

It was resolved that the City Planning Commission be asked for a formal report on the proposed route of the southwest-to-east approach to the Crosstown throughway which will pass through the front yard of the Naval Home. A letter should be addressed to G. Holmes Perkins asking for a map showing the precise location of this highway in relation to the Strickland building; and the position of the City Planning Commission in regard to this proposal. The letter shall inquire when this matter first came to the Commission's attention and shall strongly regret that the Historical Commission was not informed.

It was further resolved that a letter be sent to Mr. Laird Simons, in his capacity as chairman of the committee on the City's proposed two year college, suggesting this as an appropriate building for that use. Copies of both letters are to be sent to Commissioner Charles G. Day.

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Germantown Academy bell

It was agreed that the return of this bell is not a matter for the jurisdiction of the Historical Commission.

A Scrapbook of news items

Mr. Richmond P. Miller asked if the Commission keeps such a collection of clippings, such as those currently appearing in the NEW YORK TIMES. He suggested that this might be done; that the Commission send the Editor a number of details about the Commission's work, including a photograph of the plaque, mentioning that Philadelphia's commission is the first to have jurisdiction over an entire city. It was approved that a packet of information be sent to the Editor of THE TIMES.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:30 P. M.

Respectfully submitted...