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The fourteenth meeting of the Philadelphia Advisory Commission on Historic Buildings held on May 28th, 1957, in Room 813, City Hall Annex. The following members were present:

Grant M. Simon, Chairman
Harry A. Batten
R. Norris Williams, II
Charles E. Peterson
George I. Lovatt, Jr. (representing the Commissioner
of Public Property)

Also present were:

Dr. Margaret B. Tinkcom, Research Historian
Mrs. Theresa V. Pulice, Executive Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 3:35 p.m.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved as read.

Shoomac Park:

This Commission has received no reply on the Chairman's letter to Fairmount Park Commissioner Thompson. The problem of saving the old house is now closely associated with the problem of saving the Pointing of Rocks on the Wissahickon Drive and the controversy over how much through automobile traffic should be accommodated on the Park roads.

Second Street Market;

Mr. Batten read a letter from Mayor Dilworth dated May 3rd, 1957 in which \$25,000 of City funds was promised for use on the old Market building. It was pointed out that Mr. Charles Mather is now the President of the Independence Neighborhood Association which has a lease on the structure. It was also brought out that the Insurance Company of North America is still considering the display of their exhibits.

Responsibility for City-owned Historic Buildings:

Discussion of this subject has continued among various branches of the City government. The Chairman is planning to send another letter on this subject.

Inspection of Certified Buildings:

It was suggested that all buildings on the Certified List be inspected by City agents in order to help insure their preservation. Mr. Batten believed that this proposal would back-fire and cause the removal of many structures as unsafe which otherwise would escape the attention of the under-staffed inspection agencies. Mr. Peterson proposed that the owners of each of these certified buildings be given a notice to make them aware of the special status of their property. Mr. Batten suggested waiting for the plaques to be manufactured, at which time some kind of a ceremony of presentation to the owners might be arranged.

Mrs. Kirkbride's Services:

Mrs. Kirkbride has been working on historic sites in the area bounded by Noble, Green, Second and Third Streets, but before this had progressed very far, she stopped to work on land titles for certain old structures on lower Spruce Street. It was thought that the expense of getting chains-of-title (like the samples already received and costing \$45.00 each) was a waste of money and that Mrs. Kirkbride might well carry out her studies independently.

Lower Cherry Street Area:

The interest of the early German sites was briefly touched on.

Germantown:

The tentative list of historic buildings in the Germantown area proposed by Dr. Tinkcom was approved.

List of Nineteenth Century Buildings:

Dr. Tinkcom's proposed list of additional buildings of the Nineteenth Century was discussed in detail. For various reasons it was decided that certain examples should be omitted. Those approved for addition to the Certified List were as follows:

St. Stephen's Church

Cathedral of Sts. Peter and Paul

Academy of Music

Church of the Holy Trinity (19th & Walnut Sts.)

Union League Club

Old PSFS Bank (Cor. of 7th and Walnut Sts.)

College Hall, University of Pennsylvania

Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts

City Hall

Commission Office:

It was pointed out that no office space has yet been obtained.

Budget for 1958:

The budget for the coming year is to be submitted to the Department of Public Property on May 31st. Members present resolved to request an appropriation on \$16,000.00 for professional services. This amount is \$4,000.00 more than the 1957 budget for professional services. Mrs. Pulice will work on the other phases of the budget.

W.P.A. City Map.

Sample prints were shown of this series of City maps which is kept up to date by the Department of Streets. The Commission felt that these maps were too small in scale and will give consideration to the use of the Franklin Survey maps.

1957 Appropriation:

At the present time, there appears to be about \$5,000.00 left of the Commission's funds for professional services. This will need to be spent before December 31st.

Old Philadelphia Development Corporation:

Mr. Batten pointed out that Executive Director of the O.P.D.C., John Robin, has located \$500,000.00 of State funds which is available for making advance plans for redeveloping the Old City area. One plan showing many high rise buildings has been exhibited to members of the Corporation, although it has not yet been published.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Charles E. Peterson, Secretary

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GERMANTOWN BUILDINGS RECOMMENDED FOR PRESERVATION
BY THE ADVISORY COMMISSION ON HISTORIC BUILDINGS

CERTIFIED AT MEETING OF 5/28/57

THE NAGLEE HOUSE - 4518 Germantown Ave.	c 1730
THE MEHL HOUSE - 4821 Germantown Ave.	Fed.
THE OTTINGER HOUSE - 4825 Germantown Ave.	c 1785
THE ROYAL HOUSE - 5011 Germantown Ave.	n.d.
GENERAL WAYNE HOTEL - 5058 Germantown Ave.	Fed.
BARRON HOUSE - 5106 Germantown Ave.	Fed.
DORFENILLE HOUSE - 5139 Germantown Ave.	Fed.
5213 Germantown Ave. (now Rectory of St. Stephen's M. E. Church)	Fed.
BANK OF GERMANTOWN - 5275-5277 Germantown Ave.	Fed.
FOLWELL HOUSE - 5281 Germantown Ave.	Fed.
5300 Germantown Ave. (now Trinity Lutheran Church Hse.)	Col.
TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH - 19 W. Queen Lane	Ante-bellum
ASHMEAD HOUSE - 5430 & 5434 Germantown Ave.	Fed. & Col.
BRINGHURST HOUSE - 5448 Germantown Ave.	Col.
THOMAS ARMAT HOUSE - 5450 Germantown Ave.	Fed.
KEYSER HOUSES - 5918-5926 Germantown Ave.	Col.
ENGLE HOUSE - 5938 Germantown Ave.	c 1759
DANIEL PASTORIUS HOUSE - 25 High Street 6000 Germantown Ave.	c 1796 Col.
23 West Walnut Lane	Col.

THE LAURENS - 6043 Germantown Ave.	Col.
DIRCK JANSEN HOUSE - 6112 Germantown Ave.	Col.
PETER KEYSER HOUSE - 6316 Germantown Ave.	Col.
SPROEGELL HOUSE - 6358 Germantown Ave.	Col.
6374 Germantown Ave.	Fed.
BARDSLEY HOUSE - 6500 Germantown Ave.	Col.
DANIEL BILLMEYER HOUSE - 6504 Germantown Ave.	c 1790
CHRISTOPHER MASON HOUSE - 6514 Germantown Ave.	c 1797
THE PAUL HOUSE - 6843 Germantown Ave.	Col.
GORGAS HOUSE - 6901 Germantown Ave.	c 1800
7127 Germantown Ave.	n.d.
7142 Germantown Ave.	Fed.
7413 Germantown Ave.	Fed.
MELCHIOR NEWMAN HOUSE - 7921 Germantown Ave.	Fed.
ABRAHAM REX'S STORE - 8031 Germantown Ave.	Col.
PETERS HOUSE - 8132-8134 Germantown Ave.	Fed.
DETWILER HOUSES - 8220 & 8226 Germantown Ave.	Col.
KERPER HOUSES - 8314 & 8316 Germantown Ave.	Fed.
WIGARD JACOBY HOUSE - 8327 Germantown Ave.	Fed.
REDHEFFER HOUSE - 8419 Germantown Ave.	Fed.
SIGN OF THE SWAN - 8433 Germantown Ave.	Col.
GRESS HOTEL - 8501 Germantown Ave.	Ante-bellum

ARTMAN-MILLER HOUSE - 8607-8609 Germantown Ave.	Col.
HILL HOUSE - 8617 Germantown Ave.	Fed.
REX HOUSE - 8840 Germantown Ave.	c 1801
WILLIAM STREEPER HOUSE - 9198 Stenton Ave.	Col.
JOHN HUSTON HOUSE - 9200 Stenton Ave.	n.d.
WHEEL PUMP HOTEL - Bethlehem Pike & Gordon's Lane	Col.
BUTTERCUP COTTAGE - 7400 Emlen St.	Col.
THOMAS MILL BRIDGE - Wissahickon at Thomas Mill Rd.	Ante-bellum