

MINUTES OF THE 247th STATED MEETING OF THE PHILADELPHIA HISTORICAL COMMISSION

1 May 1980

F. Otto Haas, Chairman

Present: F. Otto Haas, Chairman of the Commission
Janet S. Klein, Vice-Chairman of the Commission
Rosemary Crumlish
Edward Pinkowski
John Taxin
Joseph W. Brown, Commissioner, Department of Public Property
Val C. Mogensen, Executive Assistant Director of Finance

Richard Tyler, Historian
Patricia Siamiontkowski, Executive Assistant to the Chairman
Jefferson M. Moak, Historical Research Technician

Also: Philip S. Brody, Esq., Legal Counsel, Office of Housing and Community Development

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

The Minutes of the Stated Meeting of the Philadelphia Historical Commission held on 3 April 1980 were approved and directed to be filed.

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Architectural Committee for 16 April 1980, Herbert W. Levy, A.I.A., Architectural Advisor to the Commission. The Report of the Architectural Committee for 16 April 1980 was approved and directed to be filed with the official copy of the Minutes.

The Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Architectural Committee for 1 May 1980, Herbert W. Levy, A.I.A., Architectural Advisor to the Commission.

The Commission members reviewed the 1 May 1980 report and after considerable discussion voted to accept the Committee's recommendation. The Commission in rejecting the present proposal calling for the installation of an elevator within one of the two major stairwells of the building, asked that consideration be given to the adoption of one of the other locations suggested by the University's architect in his preliminary studies for this project. The Commission directed the staff to solicit from the University cost estimates for the placement of the new elevator in a less obtrusive location within the building. To avoid undue delay for the University, the Commission members agreed to consider the matter immediately upon the receipt of the additional information.

The Report of the Committee on Certification for 7 April 1980, Edward Finkowski, Chairman.

The Commission members reviewed each of three previously submitted requested for certification individually and voted as follows:

2129 Cypress Street. The Commission agreed with the Committee's recommendation to stand by its 16 November vote against certification of 2129 Cypress Street.

505 North Twenty-first Street. Owing to the objection of the owner, it was agreed that certification not be imposed. This action was in accord with the Committee's recommendation.

624 North Twenty-first Street. Following the receipt of additional information on this building, the Commission agreed with the recommendation of its Committee that 624 North Twenty-first Street be certified.

The following new submissions were reviewed individually and approved for certification:

Reading Terminal, 1115-1141 Market Street
Thirtieth Street Station, northeast corner of Thirtieth and Market Streets
Fidelity Mutual Life Insurance Building, Pennsylvania Avenue and Twenty-sixth Street.

In its continuing effort to certify buildings in the Old City National Register Historic District legally, each of the following buildings was reviewed and approved for certification:

301-303 Cherry Street
136 Race Street
219 Race Street
225 Race Street
243 Race Street
245 Race Street
247-249 Race Street a.k.a. 201-203 N. 30 St.
212-214 Race Street
216 Race Street
218-220 Race Street
222-226 Race Street

Mr. Mogensen voted in opposition to the certification of 219 Race Street, 243 Race Street and 245 Race Street.

The building situate at 208-210 Race Street was not ratified for certification. A motion to strike the building from the Commission's list was made, seconded and carried.

Except for its decision not to certify 208-210 Race Street, the Historical Commission voted in agreement with the recommendations of its Committee on Certification as stated in the report of 7 April 1980. This report was accepted and directed to be filed with the official copy of the Minutes.

Report on Philadelphia Historical Commission Staff Activities for the month of April, Richard Tyler, Historian. Dr. Tyler's report was approved and directed to be filed with the official copy of the Minutes.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:40 P. M.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Siemiontkowski
Executive Assistant to the Chairman