

THE MINUTES OF THE 132nd STATED MEETING OF THE PHILADELPHIA HISTORICAL COMMISSION

28 January 1969

Present: Dr. Roy Franklin Nichols, Chairman
Mr. James L. Ferguson, Deputy Director of Finance
Councilman John B. Kelly, Jr.'s representative, Miss Vicki Douglas
Deputy Commissioner Paul Leo McSorley, Esq.
Mr. Richmond P. Miller
Mr. John B. Taxin
Dr. Margaret B. Tinkcom, Historian
Mrs. Charles J. Maurer, Secretary

Unless otherwise noted, all action taken herein is the result of motions properly presented, seconded and carried.

THE MINUTES of the November 1968 Stated Meeting were approved as circulated.

Note: The December meeting was omitted

Mr. Taxin recommended that Dr. Nichols write to the Mayor, suggesting that Mrs. James C. Crumlish, Jr. be appointed to the Historical Commission. This was approved.

REPORTS

The Historical Values Committee, Dr. Roy Franklin Nichols, Chairman. Before giving his report, the Chairman reported that the moving of the Log House, formerly at 16th and Race Streets, has been completed. He was present at its arrival at Stenton, 13th and Courtland Streets, Sunday afternoon, 26 January. Photographs of this historical event were supplied by the EVENING AND SUNDAY BULLETIN, courtesy of Miss Dorothy Byrd. The Chairman also mentioned the proposed moving of the Rush Homestead from Red Lion and Academy Roads to the grounds of Byberry Hospital. Dr. Nichols stated that Dr. Blain has appointed a committee to approach several foundations in search of funds for this endeavor.

Dr. Nichols reported on the proposal to certify Trinity Place in the 4800 block between Springfield and Chester Avenues. This was approved.

Dr. Nichols asked for approval of the certification of the Adelphia School, also known as the Spring Street Settlement, 1223 Spring Street. Approval was given.

The Architectural Reports for 19 December 1968 and 23 January 1969 were read by the secretary. These reports were approved and directed to be filed with the official Minutes of the Commission.

The Commission's Activities, Dr. Margaret B. Tinkcom, Historian. Dr. Tinkcom mentioned that the Log House, over which the Commission had expended great concern and much time in recent months is now finally settled. Dr. Tinkcom reported also on the Dock Street Archaeological studies; on a proposal for further studies in the Model Cities area; and on the Annual Report. Mr. McSorley questioned whether Bill No 378 to extend the Historical Commission's power to withhold demolition of certified buildings was not now dead. Miss Douglas will check this.

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Dr. Tinkcom's Report continued

~~Dr. Tinkcom reported on an exchange of correspondence between the~~
Mayor and National Park Service officials regarding plaques
marking as a National Historical District the Germantown Road.
These are ready to be placed along the route. The Mayor has
recommended that the ceremonies be part of Freedom Week, which
is scheduled to take place in June.

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

OLD BUSINESS

Fort Mifflin. Dr. Tinkcom showed a map which defined the area under
the Department of Recreation. The Historic American Buildings
Survey has agreed to staff and administer an historical and
architectural study if financing can be found. It has been
reported that the Haas Community Fund might be willing to under-
write this. The Chairman was directed to inquire into this
possibility.

~~The Philadelphia Historical Commission's Survey of Historic Buildings.~~
Mr. Ferguson was asked whether the \$3500.00 set aside for the
publication of this list can still be used in view of the aus-
terity program urged by the Mayor. Mr. McSorley suggested that
Dr. Tinkcom check with the Department of Public Property's
Finance Officer, Mr. Goodkin. This was approved.

The Germantown Road. See Dr. Tinkcom's Report.

713 Walnut Street. Mrs. Maurer was asked to report on the chronology
of contacts the Commission has had with this certified property
since inception of the problem in 1963. The matter of violations
of the Building Code and work having been done without a permit
or the Commission's approval is in the hands of George J. Ivins,
Esq., Assistant City Solicitor and is awaiting judication before
a civil court. No action is required by the Commission until
this case is settled by the court.

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

Respectfully submitted

M. R. Maurer, Secretary