

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ARCHITECTURAL COMMITTEE OF THE PHILADELPHIA HISTORICAL COMMISSION

20 May 1976

Present: Herbert W. Levy, A.I.A., Architectural Advisor to the Commission
Theodore T. Bartley, Jr., A.I.A., Preservation Committee, American Institute
of Architects, Philadelphia Chapter.
Erling H. Pedersen, A.I.A., Old Philadelphia Development Corporation
Janet S. Klein, Vice Chairman, Philadelphia Historical Commission
Gary Jones, Washington Square West Project Area Committee
Richard Tyler, Historian
Patricia Sieniontkowski, Executive Assistant to the Chairman

SUBMISSIONS

405 South Third Street, BJO/Knowles, Architects. The Committee reviewed the architect's plan for the renovation of the building situated at 405 South Third Street and made several recommendations. The door, fanlight and shutters are to match those found at 409 South Third Street and the third floor window sash must be changed to three over three lights of glass in each of the two openings. Finally, the Committee requests that a detail of the railing, preferably of a simple design, be submitted for further review and approval. Mr. Bartley agreed to inspect the dormer window since the dormer shown on the drawing appeared to be incorrectly drawn.

311-16 South Camac Street, David Beck, Architect. The Committee reviewed the architect's proposal for the renovation of these two small houses and recommended that a plain batten garage door be installed with vertical boards supported by a wood frame on the inside. The profile of the shutter panel should match that of the existing original door; rat tail shutter dogs are recommended in place of the ones shown on the drawing.

620 South Front Street, Knabb Associates, Architects. The Committee recommends the approval of the concept of the architect's proposal and asks that accurately measured drawings be submitted to the Commission for final review and approval. The Commission staff was directed to offer its assistance to the architect in researching the building and preparing a correct elevation proposal.

1229 Spruce Street. The owner's request to remove the existing stucco and to wire lath and brick face the front facade of 1229 Spruce Street was reviewed by the Committee. It is recommended that the owner be asked to remove a portion of the stucco to determine the condition of the brick. If the brick has not been damaged, the facade should be cleaned and repointed. However, if the masonry is not restoreable, a sample of the proposed brick facing must be submitted for review and approval.

SUBMISSIONS (Cont'd)

121 Fulton Street. The problem of restoring the facade of the building situate at 121 Fulton Street was brought to the attention of the Committee for consideration. The Committee recommends that the owner either retain the door opening as it exists or lower the arch over the door to an appropriate position above the existing door. Since Fulton Street is extremely narrow, the Committee suggested that the front steps be turned to the side.

1018 Pine Street, BJC/Knowles, Architects. It is recommended that the plan be approved as presented.

CERTIFICATION OBJECTIONS

At the request of the Historical Commission, the Architectural Committee reviewed four certification objections from the owners of 2000 Mt. Vernon Street, 2021 Brandywine Street, 2037 Brandywine Street, and 2063 Brandywine Street. After some discussion, the Committee agreed to recommend that the Board retain the historical certification of the buildings over the objection of the owners.

PLAQUES

211 Catharine Street. The Committee will be pleased to recommend the issuance of a plaque to this building as soon as the dormer window has been restored in accordance with the approved plans.

521-27 Lombard Street. Approval of a "Certified Restored" plaque is recommended.

174 West Maplewood Avenue. The Committee reviewed the owner's request for a plaque and determined that the building was not eligible for either of the two Commission plaques. The Committee thinks that the side porch is not compatible with the original structure and makes the building ineligible for a plaque.

315 Queen Street. The Committee recommended that the Commission issue a "Certified Altered" plaque to this building.

Respectfully submitted,

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Executive Assistant to the Chairman

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