

MINUTES OF THE 176th STATED MEETING OF THE PHILADELPHIA HISTORICAL COMMISSION

7 May 1973

Dr. F. Otto Haas, Chairman

Present: Dr. F. Otto Haas, Chairman
Mrs. James C. Crumlish, Jr.
Edward Pinkowski
Walter A. Browne, Administrative Analyst, Department of Public Properties
Henry J. Magaziner, A.I.A., Architectural Advisor to the Commission
Dr. Margaret B. Tinkcom, Historian
Patricia Siemiontkowski, Executive Assistant to the Chairman
David Rosenblum, Esq., Assistant City Solicitor
Mrs. Sydney Patton, Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority

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

THE MINUTES of the Stated Meeting, 5 April 1973, were approved and directed to be filed. Mr. Pinkowski asked that a copy of the Commission's proposed Fiscal 1973 Operating Budget be attached to the May Minutes and circulated.

REPORTS

The Report of the Architectural Committee for 24 April 1973 was approved and directed to be filed with the official copy of the Minutes.

Recommendations by the Staff for the Certification of Buildings, Dr. Margaret B. Tinkcom, Historian. The following buildings were approved for certification:

264 W. Walnut Lane
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7921 Germantown Avenue
120 Federal Street
314 Fulton Street
438 Fulton Street (also 418-20; 432-40; 411-23; 429-31 Fulton Street)
825 Walnut Street
1119 Bainbridge Street
1114 Kater Street
8001 Verree Road
2100-2116 Pine Street

A suggestion was made to certify the entire 200 block of W. Walnut Lane. The staff was asked to photograph the buildings in this block and to inquire of the owners whether or not they would like their houses certified.

REPORTS (Cont'd)

Commission Activities, Report on, Dr. Margaret B. Tinkecm, Historian.

Dr. Tinkecm's report for the month of April was approved and directed to be filed with the official copy of the Minutes.

OLD BUSINESS

Historic American Engineering Record, Dr. Margaret B. Tinkecm, Historian.

Dr. Tinkecm reported on her receipt of a letter from HAER reporting that federal funds must be matched by local money before a study of Philadelphia's engineering accomplishments could be undertaken. The HAER expressed a hope that this money might be available next year.

Cannon Ball farm house, Dr. F. Otto Haas, Chairman. Dr. Haas reported that no word had as yet been received from the Army Corps of Engineers regarding the moving of Cannon Ball farm. If no action has been taken within two weeks, letters will be sent to Commissioner Guarino and to Commissioner Crawford requesting the immediate removal of the house to city owned land, part of the Ft. Mifflin complex.

Old City Historic District, 33-37 South Fourth Street, Mrs. Sydney Patton. Mrs. Patton presented the Redevelopment Authority's request to demolish 33-37 South Fourth Street to the Commission. The Authority will agree to save the iron fronts of these three buildings and store them for later use. The Commission agreed to these demolitions and will send a letter to the Authority confirming this action.

NEW BUSINESS

A.I.A. Preservation Committee proposal to the Department of Licenses and Inspections, Dr. Margaret B. Tinkecm, Historian. The Historical Commission has been asked by the A.I.A. Preservation Committee to draft a letter to the Department of Licenses and Inspections suggesting that that department require a photograph to accompany any request for a demolition permit. Such a photograph would serve as a record when a building is demolished.

Proposal from the Historical Commission to the A.I.A., Philadelphia Chapter, Dr. Margaret B. Tinkecm, Historian. The Historical Commission will suggest to the Philadelphia Chapter of the A.I.A. that all architectural firms in the City be asked to submit to the Historical Society of Pennsylvania a list of those buildings currently being constructed in Philadelphia with the name of the architect responsible for the design.

Mask and Wig Club Request, Dr. F. Otto Haas, Chairman. The Commission voted to approve the club's request to build an addition to house the kitchen facilities presently in their historically certified property at 310 South Quince Street.

NEW BUSINESS (Cont'd)

National Trust request for letter to Philadelphia TV Stations, Dr. Margaret B. Tinkcom, Historian. The request of the National Trust for Historic Preservation urging the Philadelphia Historical Commission to ask Philadelphia TV stations to broadcast a public service announcement as part of the observance of the first National Historic Preservation Week, was approved. Telegrams will be sent to KYW, WPVI, and WCAU.

700-14 Spruce Street, Mr. Henry J. Magaziner, A.I.A., Architectural Advisor to the Commission. Mr. Magaziner brought the Board up to date on recent happenings concerning these Spruce Street properties. At a meeting of the Society Hill Civic Association, called for 8 P. M. on Wednesday, May 9, 1973, Mr. Magaziner, representing the protestants, and a representative of the Pennsylvania Hospital, will appear to discuss the matter at issue and to answer any questions.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:35 P. M.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Siemiontkowski
Executive Assistant to the Chairman