

MINUTES OF THE 128th STATED MEETING OF THE PHILADELPHIA HISTORICAL COMMISSION

30 July 1968

Present were: Dr. Roy Franklin Nichols, Chairman
 Mr. Richmond P. Miller
 Mr. John Taxin
 Mr. John B. Kelly, Jr., Councilman at Large
 Mr. James L. Ferguson, Deputy Director of Finance
 Isador Kranzel, Esq., Assistant City Solicitor
 Paul Leo McSorley, Esq., Deputy Commissioner, Dept. of Public Property
 Mr. Oscar Goodstein, Administrative Assistant, Dept. of Public Property
 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 Meeting held 25 June 1968 were approved as circulated.

REPORTS

Historical Values Committee, Dr. Roy Franklin Nichols, Chairman. No report.

Architectural Committee. The secretary reported on recommendations made on eight submissions and three resubmissions. The report was approved and directed to be filed with the official copies of the Minutes.

The Commission's Activities, Dr. Margaret B. Tinkcom, Historian. Action taken on this report involved approval to have the Historical Commission's records microfilmed by the Department of Records, at their suggestion. The report was approved and directed to be filed.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Taxin reported on his request to Councilman Schwartz that Bill 378 be voted out of committee. It was reported that City Planning Commission is against this action. A further report from Mr. McSorley and from Mr. Kelly ensued. Mr. Kelly agreed to try to persuade the committee working on this bill to take it out of committee.

The Log House, Friends' Select School, 16th and Race Streets. Dr. Tinkcom reported the receipt of a letter from the attorney for the school, notifying the Commission that it expects ^{to demolish} this house in February 1969. Mr. Miller agreed to contact the president of the Wheaton Glass Works who had expressed an interest in acquiring the log house for Wheaton Village, New Jersey. Mr. Kelly's suggestion that Liberty Village at Washington's Crossing be approached will also be followed up. It was agreed that moving the structure was better than losing it altogether.

NEW BUSINESS

A letter from Mr. Lammer, Executive Director of Redevelopment Authority, regarding proposals for low cost housing in Washington Square West, was read. The Historical Commission, understanding the need for such housing, recommended the preservation of the facades of all certified buildings.

NEW BUSINESS continued

A Motion, presented by Mr. Taxin, felicitating the Commission's Chairman on his appointment as chairman of the historical commemorative planning group of the Bicentennial celebration was carried unanimously.

Boat House Row. Councilman Kelly suggested that the boat houses be certified and agreed to present his suggestion in writing. This proposal was cordially received.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Roy Franklin Nichols, Chairman

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