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THE 105th STATED MEETING OF THE PHILADELPHIA HISTORICAL COMMISSION

28 June, 1966

Present were: Mr. Grant M. Simon, Chairman

Mr. Oscar Goodstein, representing Commissioner Charles G. Day
Councilman Mary A. Varallo
Mr. R. Norris Williams, II.
Dr. Margaret B. Tinkcom, Historian
Mrs. Charles J. Maurer, Secretary

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

THE MINUTES of the Stated Meeting held on 31 May 1966 were approved as circulated.

REPORTS

Historic Values Committee, Dr. Roy Franklin Nichols, Chairman
In the absence of Dr. Nichols, Mr. Williams read the list of buildings for which certification is requested. This was approved.

Architectural Committee, Mr. George K. Trautwein, Chairman
In the absence of Mr. Trautwein, Mr. Simon reported that ten submissions and two requests for plaques were reviewed. The report was approved. All reports are to be filed with the official copies of the Minutes.

The Commission's Activities, Dr. Margaret B. Tinkcom, Historian
Discussion on the subject of moving several certified buildings in the path of the Delaware Expressway resulted in Dr. Tinkcom being directed to proceed with arrangements for this.

Dr. Tinkcom's Report continued with discussion on the vandalism at the Rush House. The Report was approved.

OLD BUSINESS

241-255 South 8th Street. A letter from Mr. Robert I. Alotta, Vice President of the Washington Square West Civic Association, was read, in which the Pennsylvania Hospital's request to have these demolished and the Historical Commission's acceding to this request were deplored. The Association expressed a willingness to ask City Council for additional power for the Commission to order to preserve certified buildings when pressure groups are involved. It was resolved to accept the Washington Square West Civic Association's offer to ask Council for the additional strength for the Historical Commission.

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OLD BUSINESS continued

5409 Germantown Avenue. A letter from the Rev. Robert W. Hill, Rector of St. Luke's Episcopal Church, which owns this certified building was read. The Historical Commission agreed that the building should not be demolished. The Commission, aware of the difficulties mentioned in the Rector's letter, would be willing to approve temporary repairs which would make the building useful to the parish, rather than require a full restoration at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

The resignation of Victor E. Moore. It was resolved that an appropriate Minute be written and that Mr. Moore be sent a copy.

In view of the absence of Messrs. Batten, Miller, Taxin and Trautwein, and that of Dr. Nichols, it was directed that a copy of the draft of the Minutes be sent to two Members of the Commission, asking them to sign the statement: "I approve the above as though I had been present and had voted." This was approved.

There being no further business, the Meeting was adjourned at 4:55 P. M.

Respectfully submitted,

Grant M. Simon, F.A.I.A.
Chairman, for the Commission

GMS:css

I approve the above.

H.A. Batten