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Approved

THE MINUTES OF THE ARCHITECTURAL COMMITTEE, October 31, 1961 and
THE CONTINUED MEETING on November 8, 1961

Present were: Mr. Charles E. Peterson
Mr. R. Norris Williams, II.

Mr. George K. Trautwein, Chairman

Also present: Mr. John F. Lloyd, for the Redevelopment Authority
Mr. Joseph B. Townsend for the Old Philadelphia Development Corp
Dr. Margaret B. Tinkcom, Historian
Mrs. Charles J. Maurer, Secretary

SUBMISSIONS

✓ 240 Delancey Street, Mr. Joseph Praissman's drawing for a new house, harmonious in style to its environment. Approved.

✓ 319 Pine Street. The Committee recommended that the architect redraw the chimnies as the present ones are too narrow for what will be an exposed facade, facing the proposed greenway.

✓ 326 South Third Street. The drawing for the restoration of this two and a half story building, now a store front, was approved.

✓ 329 South Third Street. After a good deal of discussion and a view of the premises by two members of the Committee, this submission was approved as presented.

✓ Bells Court. The drawing was approved.

✓ 427, 429 South Eighth Street. These drawings were approved, except the position of hardware on the shutters. The architect is to be asked to consult with Mr. Lloyd on the matter of shutters on 1850 buildings.

✓ 263 South Fourth Street. The drawing was approved, except that Mr. Anderson shall be asked to redesign the fanlight in accord with the remaining original at 259 S. 4th and that he shall be asked to give his precedent for the shutter design he has given the Commission. This is not to be interpreted as a criticism. The Committee is also interested in learning whether the railings indicated are original.

✓ 226 Spruce Street. The owner-architect may be told he is doing a heroic job and that he has a choice of two kinds of restoration: (1) Restore the front perfectly, with every degree of care to the 1750 period, in which case the building should be reduced to its original height, two and a half stories. The pentave would therefore be correct. Or (2) the building may be restored to its 1830 period with height unaltered. In which case the pentave would be incorrect. In either case, since the east wall was a party wall, this may be stuccoed.

Mr. Lloyd offered to be available for conference if the owner finds the problem unclear.

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Submissions continued

234 Spruce Street. It was recommended that all formstone be removed in an effort to determine whether or not a pentaave ever existed, since there is evidence that the other, similar buildings appeared to have had one. It was recommended that the cove eave, still on the westernmost house of the row, be duplicated. Finally, it was recommended that the owner and builder be encouraged, since the drawing is on the right track and because this is one of the oldest houses on Spruce Street and a great curiosity.

215 Spruce Street. The steps shall exactly duplicate those of 213 Spruce. The contractor's letter shall state that the Commission assumes he is the authorized agent of the owner and the owner's letter shall suggest that he approach Mr. Robert T. Trump, asking him whether he can "find" ironwork appropriate and a perfect fit, for the restored marble steps.

258 South Fourth Street. The architect shall be asked for sharper definition of the details of the north elevation and a front elevation as well, with every detail present as required for a perfect restoration, even though this is not at this time required of the owner. Special emphasis on the cornice, indicating that it does not return, should be noted. It was also recommended that the architect indicate which are original windows and which are not. The letter should indicate that the Commission understands that the parties at interest have been in conference with Mr. Lloyd, in an effort to unify the side elevation and that the Commission will approve what meets the approval of the Redevelopment Authority.

PROBLEMS

It was recommended that the Department of Licenses and Inspections be notified at once and that hereafter, any violation of that Department's regulations be reported without delay, leaving appropriate action to that Department, but saying that the Commission would not have approved (except in the case of 528 Delancey) had the matter been submitted in the first place.

227 Pine Street. Mr. Lloyd reports that work on the facade, for which no permit was obtained, has been halted.

SW cor Second and Delancey. Sandblasting of both facades has obliterated the glazed headers. No permit was obtained.

528 Delancey Street. Work is in progress on the facade, although a permit was obtained for the erection of a rear addition.

232 South Fourth Street. Shutters of inappropriate style have been installed, without a permit.

109 Catherine Street. "Emergency action in repairing the falling cornice." The contractor replaced the wooden cornice with a brick cornice, topped with a stone coping.

236 Spruce Street. The owner may refrain from adding shutters to the triple window, since it appears very difficult to hang them properly.

Respectfully submitted.