

MINUTES OF THE 249th STATED MEETING OF THE PHILADELPHIA HISTORICAL COMMISSION

7 August 1980

F. Otto Haas, Chairman

Present: F. Otto Haas, Chairman of the Commission
Janet S. Klein, Vice Chairman of the Commission
Mrs. James C. Crumlish, Jr.
Edward Pinkowski
John Taxin
John F. McCloskey, Jr., Deputy Commissioner Department of Public Property
Herbert W. Levy, A.I.A., Architectural Advisor to the Commission
William J. McManus, Assistant City Solicitor, Law Department
Richard Tyler, Historian
Patricia Sienkiewicz, Executive Assistant to the Chairman
Jefferson M. Moak, Historical Research Technician

Also: Bud Ross, Architect, and Irvin Udell to request the certification of
729 South 2nd Street.

Unless otherwise noted, all actions taken herein are the results of
motions correctly made, seconded and carried.

The Minutes of the Stated Meeting of the Philadelphia Historical Commission
held on 5 June 1980 were approved and directed to be filed.

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Architectural Committee for 18 June 1980
were reviewed and approved. The Minutes of the 16 July 1980 meeting
were reviewed and a motion made to table action on the Ordama
Development Corporation's request for plaques for 129 to 139 North
4th Street. The Commission agreed not to act on this matter until
Mr. Fox, President of the Corporation, has an opportunity to appear
before the Commission and present his case. All other items in the
16 July report were approved.

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee on Certification for 14 July
1980, Edward Pinkowski, Chairman.

The Commission reviewed individually and approved for certification
each of the following buildings as recommended by the Certification
Committee:

2000 St. Martins Lane, Church of St. Martin in the Fields
107 West School House Lane, the James Matthews House
36-42 East Price Street, First Baptist Church of Germantown
5140 Morris Street, Manheim
3822 Ridge Avenue, Laurel Hill Cemetery Gatehouse
1601-1619 Diamond Street, The George W. South Memorial Protestant Church
of the Advocate
2-8 West Girard Avenue, a.k.a. 1148-1162 Frankford Avenue, Kensington
National Bank
Drum Moir Heating House, 777 W. Valley Green Road
1217 North 4th Street

Concerning the proposed certification of 729 South 2nd Street, Mr. Paul Rose, Architect, and Mr. Irvin Udell, Owner, appeared before the Commission to request favorable action on this nomination. While the interior of the building has been treated sympathetically, the Commission members agreed that recent changes to the exterior of the structure were not compatible with the original character of the building.

In agreement with the recommendation of its Committee on Certification, the Commission voted not to certify 729 South 2nd Street.

Several buildings within the Old City National Register Historic District were reviewed in the Commission's continuing effort to certify, legally, those buildings entered on the list in 1972.

The following buildings were approved for certification following the Committee's recommendation:

- 323-25 Race Street
- 123 Chestnut Street
- 149-51 North 2nd Street
- 54-58 North 3rd Street
- 60-66 North 3rd Street

The Commission voted to strike from the list the following buildings as recommended by its Committee:

- 111 Chestnut Street
- 303 Chestnut Street

Although the Committee's recommendation had been in favor of the certification of 208-10 Race Street and 319-21 Race Street, the Commission voted not to certify these two buildings. An additional motion to strike 208-10 Race Street from the Commission's list was made, seconded and carried.

Action on 313 Chestnut Street was tabled pending a further study of the building and its relationship to the adjoining bank structure. The Commission voted to send this item back to the Committee on Certification for additional consideration.

Report on Philadelphia Historical Commission Staff Activities for the months of June and July, Richard Tyler, Historian. The Historian's report was approved and directed to be filed with the official copy of the Minutes.

NEW BUSINESS

Appointment of Architectural Historian. The Historian announced the appointment of Patricia Siemiontkowski to the position of Architectural Historian by the Commissioner of Public Property in consultation with the Chairman; and sought the concurrence of the Commission in this action. The Commission unanimously and enthusiastically concurred. Mr. Tyler also reviewed with the Commission the procedures proposed in consultation with the Commissioner and the Chairman for the appointment of a successor to Miss Siemiontkowski as Executive Secretary.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Siemiontkowski
Executive Assistant to the Chairman