

MINUTES OF THE ARCHITECTURAL COMMITTEE MEETING

24 October 1968

Present were: Mr. John F. Lloyd for the Redevelopment Authority
Mr. Erling H. Pedersen for the Old Philadelphia Development Corp.
Dr. Margaret B. Tinkcom, Historian
Mrs. Charles J. Maurer, Secretary

SUBMISSIONS

- 234 Stamper Street. Mr. Lloyd pointed out that the restoration of 232 Stamper Street, now completed, is satisfactory. The owner of 234 wishes to use the drawings made for 232 with the position of the door reversed to his property. It was approved with the recommendation that he be reminded that the first floor window at 234 be precisely the same size as that of 232 Stamper Street.
- 115 Beck Street, John Milner, Architect. This was approved with high commendation for the quality of the presentation.

DEMOLITIONS REQUESTED

- 243 S. 9th Street. The Redevelopment Authority has asked for demolition to provide a clear site for an institutional use for older persons planned by St. George's Cathedral, Eighth Street above Spruce. The Historical Commission does not approve the demolition, but will not oppose it. Application for the demolition of 243 S. 9th Street will not be held up when submitted.
- 334 Green Street. A proposal to demolish this structure, formerly a Friends' Meetinghouse, was tabled for the present in order to investigate Redevelopment and Model Cities plans for this area. New photographs are to be taken to show the present condition of this building.
- 1109, 1111 Rodman Street. It was reported that the Commission acceded to the application to demolish these two certified buildings because they had been found to be unsafe by the Department of Licenses and Inspections and a violation issued for their present condition. It was found that the facades were not original by a site inspection that also concurred with the findings of the Department of L & I.

PROBLEMS

- 213 S. Sartain Street. The background of the present application to legalize previous installation of a bow window on the third floor was given by the secretary. It was observed that "Findings and Opinion" of the Board of Licenses and Inspection Review Board, dated 12 July 1968, contains several inaccurate statements attributed to the owner: 1. His statement that his was the only certified building. As a matter of record, twelve houses, 205 to 225, S. Sartain, were certified in 1960. 2. Since certification is a matter of record in the deed to a historically certified property, and since the Redevelopment Authority's specifications require the retention of windows of the original size and design, the owner introduced the present bay window knowing that he was violating both the Historical Commission's and the Redevelopment Authority's requirements

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PROBLEMS continued

213 S. Sartain Street (cont)

It was therefore approved that the stand taken 25 October 1966, in a letter to Deputy Commissioner William H. Lindsay, Jr., be reaffirmed:

The unauthorized alterations to the street facade cannot be approved.

The Historical Commission considers this a matter of willing violation.

272-274 S. Second Street. The Committee reviewed a copy of a report prepared for the Historic American Buildings Survey by Mrs. George Batcheler, noting the indication of a porch on the south side of 272-274 S. Second Street. A pent eave is now being installed there although no drawings have yet been approved. Mr. Carl Massara is to be asked again to submit these. Carbon copies of the letter shall go to the owner, Mr. Wallace L. Hirsch; and to Mrs. Batcheler.

336 S. Second Street. It was approved that the architect for the new owner, Mr. Edwin J. Barratt, be asked to submit plans for the Historical Commission's review, in accordance with a letter from the late Chairman, Mr. Grant M. Simon, F.A.I.A., to Mr. Francis J. Lammer, Executive Director of Redevelopment Authority, dated 16 November 1965. In this letter it states: "Any building replacing the present structure (which collapsed) shall be designed as nearly as possible in the style of the 1791 house, the facade of which should be adequately documented before it is completely demolished."

PLAQUES REQUESTED

113 Pemberton Street. This was approved.

618 Spruce Street. This was approved.

1014 Clinton Street. This was approved, noting that the Victorian door and transom, if replaced at any time, should be identical to that now existing at 1016 Clinton Street, and appropriate to the 1839 building period.

220-228 Queen Street. St. Philip Neri Roman Catholic Church. This was approved with the recommendation that, if at some later date, existing doors are replaced, that the new ones be of appropriate design to the period of the Church's building.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at five o'clock.

Respectfully submitted

M. R. Maurer, Secretary