

MINUTES OF THE ARCHITECTURAL COMMITTEE OF THE PHILADELPHIA HISTORICAL COMMISSION

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Present: Mr. Henry J. Magaziner, A.I.A., Chairman, Architectural Advisor to the Commission
Mr. Erling H. Pedersen, A.I.A., Old Philadelphia Development Corporation
Dr. F. Otto Haas, Chairman of the Commission
Mr. Louis Kremer, Architect, Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority
Dr. Margaret B. Tinkcom, Historian
Mrs. Charles J. Maurer, Executive Assistant to the Chairman
Patricia Siemiontkowski, Secretary

Also: Mr. Samuel Gransback, Project Manager, Washington Square West Site Office, for report on 1113-25 Pine Street.

SUBMISSIONS

532 Delancey Street, Eugene S. Shenkman, Contractor. Approved.

835 South Second Street, William Leatherbee, Architect. The committee considered the owner's request to install a square transom over the front door opening in place of a fan light as shown in the architect's plan and to allow the contractor to install a six panel stock door in this opening. It was agreed that the arch head opening must be kept as per the architect's drawing, although a stock door and stock moldings for the door frame could be allowed. If necessary, a plain glass transom will be permitted temporarily.

700 South Front Street, L. L. Leibowitz, A.I.A. The door on the first floor Bainbridge Street elevation must be six inches higher and a transom should be placed over it to keep this opening in proportion with the rest of the building. The Commission will supply Mr. Leibowitz with a detail for a box window frame and pent eave. Steps to be wider and return to building at both ends. (12 inches wider side and front)

314 South Tenth Street, John Dickey, A.I.A. Approved subject to the change in the dormer sash.

PROBLEMS

321 South Sixth Street. A letter from the architect, Adolph DeRoy Mark, was read attesting to the dangerous condition of this building and recommending its complete demolition or, at least, the demolition of the front portion of the house. It was the consensus of the Committee that if the building must, indeed, be demolished, the Philadelphia Historical Commission should review plans for the new structure to be built on this site. (The architect would be given the choice of rebuilding the front as per an earlier drawing (April, 1970) approved by this Commission or constructing an entirely new contemporary structure.) Meanwhile, the Architectural Committee proposes that the matter be referred to the Philadelphia Historical Commission with the request that Commissioner Costello be asked for a thorough inspection of the building before the Historical Commission makes any final decision on Mr. Mark's proposal.

DEMOLITIONS

504 South Fifth Street. This request for demolition was tabled until the Commission can determine the neighborhood's view on the matter. L. Kremer will investigate.

207-09-11 South Tenth Street and 912-18-20 Walnut Street. The Committee reluctantly agreed that demolition be allowed, to permit the construction of student housing facilities for Jefferson when a formal application from the Redevelopment Authority is presented.

PLAQUES

408 Spruce Street. Approved.

REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY SPECIFICATIONS

When a contract between the Redevelopment Authority and an owner is drawn, the Exterior Rehabilitation Specifications should be reworded in several places.

1113-25 Pine Street. The word "restore" is to be substituted for "repair or renew" and "Replace." Also it should be noted that the brick cornices are original and should be restored; infilled concrete block in all openings is to be removed and windows and/or doors restored correct to the period of the building of the school; all window sash is to have glass panes uniform in size with the existing original ones; the wire fence to be removed must be replaced with a brick wall or an iron fence of suitable design, and the ventilators on the roof of the school building and of the stair tower must be restored.

1032 Spruce Street. Substitution of the word "restore" for "Repair or renew" and "replace." (Note metal stair railings mentioned in Section I are twentieth century additions.)

1116 Locust Street. Substitution of the word "restore" for "repair or renew" and "replace." It was also agreed that the facade of this building not be demolished but restored, if possible, to the original residential front.

318 South Tenth Street. Substitution of the word "restore" for "repair or renew" and "replace." Doorway and transom to be restored to original; concrete sidewalk to be replaced with herringbone pattern brick.

527 South Ninth Street. Substitution of the word "restore" for "repair or renew" and "replace." Replace operating shutters at all windows.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Siemiontkowski
Secretary