

REPORT OF THE ARCHITECTURAL COMMITTEE OF THE PHILADELPHIA HISTORICAL COMMISSION

17 March 1976

Herbert W. Levy, A.I.A., Chairman

Present: Herbert W. Levy, A.I.A., Architectural Advisor to the Commission
Erling H. Pedersen, A.I.A., Old Philadelphia Development Corporation
Theodore T. Bartley, Jr., A.I.A., Preservation Committee, American Institute
of Architects, Philadelphia Chapter.
Russell Milnor, A.I.A., Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority
Janet S. Klein, Member of the Philadelphia Historical Commission
Richard Tyler, Historian
Patricia Siemientkowski, Executive Assistant to the Chairman

Also: Walter R. Livingston, Jr., Architect, to present his plan for the
restoration of the buildings situate at the southwest corner of
Front and Chestnut Streets (a.k.a. 100-02 Chestnut Street and 108
South Front Street).
David Brady, contractor, to discuss with the Committee renovations
to the Morris House, 225 South Eighth Street.
Keith Richards to present to the Committee for discussion the problem
of roof repairs to the St. Mary's Episcopal Church situate at 3916
Locust Walk.
Arnold Levit concerning the Committee's refusal to recommend to the
Commission the granting of a plaque to the building situate at
711 Pine Street.

SUBMISSIONS

Southwest corner of Front and Chestnut Streets (a.i.a. 100-02 Chestnut
Street and 108 South Front Street), Walter R. Livingston, Jr., and
Lester Rosenwinkel, Architects. Mr. Livingston reported to the
Committee that the buildings had been stabilized as required by the
Department of Licenses and Inspections and that he had received the
information concerning proposed grade changes in the area. With
this information in hand Mr. Livingston prepared the plans which he
then submitted to the Committee for review. After some discussion,
the Committee agreed to recommend the approval of the proposal with
the requirement that a third column be added to the Front Street
facade of the building in order to retain the rhythm of the
fenestration. Also, the Committee voted to accept the use of a deep
bronze anodized aluminum.

211 Monroe Street, Yongchoel Kim, Architect. The Committee reviewed the
drawing by Mr. Kim and found that it was not drawn to scale. The
Committee recommends that the Commission ask the architect to redraw
the elevation accurately and to resubmit. Furthermore, the Committee
recommended that the arch over the alley be opened, if possible. The
staff will provide the architect with details of the period.

SUBMISSIONS (Cont'd)

334-36 Queen Street (rear court houses), Nick James Gimes, Architect.

The Committee recommended the approval of the concept of the restoration. However, door, transom and shutter details are required. Also, new pointing should conform to the existing in color, texture and type of joint. A period lighting fixture would be acceptable.

225 South Eighth Street, G. Edwin Brumbaugh, Architect. Mr. Brady, contractor for this project, presented the plan to the Committee calling for the conversion of an existing window opening into a door opening on the side of the building. The Committee recommends the approval of this request.

Stanton Mansion, Eighteenth and Courtland Streets, John Dickey, Architect. Mr. Dickey's plan to renovate the existing building was reviewed by the Committee. Approval is recommended.

Tun Tavern (courtesy review), H.L.L. The staff presented to the Committee the plan for the reconstruction of the Tun Tavern. Since the building will be new construction, the Committee noted that it had no jurisdiction in this matter and recommends that the Commission make no comment.

REHABILITATION SPECIFICATIONS

736-38 Pine Street. The specifications, as read by the Historian, were approved with the requirements that the iron railings be repaired and restored or replaced with railings typical of the period; shutters be hung on the Eighth Street elevation; the louvers in the front and side walls be removed patching the openings with brick to match the existing; and, installing a drain box on the Eighth Street facade. The Committee also questioned the side elevation. It was agreed that the developer be asked to examine the existing fabric and document the proposal to install an additional window.

3619 Locust Street. The owner's request for information on the restoration of this building was brought to the Committee's attention. Mr. Levy agreed to inspect the building and report his findings to the Committee at its next meeting.

PROBLEMS

St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 3916 Locust Walk. Keith Richards representing the church requested advice from the Committee concerning renovations to the roof of the building. A portion of the roof, executed in a patterned slate, is in poor condition and needs to be replaced. The cost of replacing the slate roof is prohibitive and, unfortunately, the pattern cannot be duplicated in asphalt shingle. After some discussion, the Committee asked that the Commission allow the roof to be replaced in asphalt and that the church also be asked to photograph and document the existing roof and salvage some of the material.

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PLAQUES

711 Pine Street. Arnold Levit appeared before the Architectural Committee to ask the Committee to reconsider its recommendation to the Commission that the house be denied a plaque. Mr. Levit alleges that he received an approval from the staff concerning the treatment of the front door at 711 Pine Street and that in view of this the building should be issued a plaque. After some discussion, Mr. Levit was excused and the Committee voted to table the matter for further consideration.

2011 Delancey Street. The Committee, at the request of the owner, once again reviewed the eligibility of this building for a plaque. Dr. Tyler was asked to inspect the structure and report his findings to the Committee.

410 Lombard Street. The Committee recommends the approval of this request.

117 Kenilworth Street. The Committee cannot recommend the issuance of a plaque to this building until the door to the alley is replaced with a simple batten door.

Bankers Row - 421, 427 and 431 Chestnut Street. The Committee recommends that the Commission not issue a plaque to these three buildings until they are restored. The building situate at 421 requires stonework repairs and the removal of air conditioners on the front facade. The building, 427 Chestnut Street, must have the louvers on the second floor removed as well as the air conditioning units. The building, 431 Chestnut Street, must have the louvers removed and the original sash restored.

2223 Green Street. The Committee asked Dr. Tyler to inspect the structure and report his findings at the next meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

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