

ARCHITECTURAL COMMITTEE MEETING

25 April, 1963

The Minutes

Present: Mr. Grant M. Simon, Chairman, pro tem
Mr. R. Norris Williams

Mr. John F. Lloyd, for the Redevelopment Authority
Mr. Joseph B. Townsend, Jr., for the OPDC
Mr. Joseph Praissman, as guest
Dr. Margaret B. Tinkcom, Historian
Mrs. Charles J. Maurer, Secretary

The Chairman asked Mr. Praissman to state his reasons for being present. Mr. Praissman assured the meeting that he is aware that he agreed to change the present facade of 238 South Third Street to a reconstruction of its original state, with care and precise details, but that this presented problems in relation to the buildings on either side. He asked if the Commission would reverse its stand, allowing him to preserve the Wilson Eyre front. The Chairman stated that he had polled the Members of the Commission and that the resolution must stand. There is no recourse to this decision.

Shutters may be pannelled at second story as well as first; omitted at third level.

SUMBISSIONS

257 South Fourth Street. The second drawing, with details requested at a former meeting are approved and the architect complimented on his clear presentation.

236 Spruce Street. Drawing of the pentave approved.

5139 Germantown Avenue. Drawing not approved. Letter to owner is to suggest an 18th century shop front with an assurance that he will gain by following this suggestion.

PROPOSALS

913 Spruce Street. Application for approval to demolish this is given. (Mr. Lloyd stated that it will be at least eighteen months before the Redevelopment Authority will have jurisdiction in the area.

329 South Third Street. Request to maintain the building as a store is approved, as it complied with Redevelopment Authority regulations for owner-occupancy and one attendant, and because the building was constructed as a store in the first place. It must be fully restored according to data in the file. Drawings are to be submitted with this in view.

PROPOSALS continued

226 South Fourth Street. The letter to be sent to Dean G. Holmes Perkins, in reply to his request to remove a portion of the back-building and to replace it with a garage and a garden on its roof, shall state that the Commission agrees in principle with his point of view, but that it will probably require a Zoning variance, as 1100% use of yardspace is not permitted. The Commission will be pleased to see drawings for restoration of the building when they are ready.

1110 Pine Street. It is recommended that the owner paint the trim and change the sash where necessary, leaving other details of the facade as they are.

209 Spruce Street. It was approved that Mr. Lloyd try to get assurance from the owner that the recommended change from stock door to one appropriate for the period will be carried out forthwith.

PLAQUES

215 Spruce Street. This may be authorized when the recommended work is completed. Meanwhile, work already accomplished is most commendable.

528 Delancey Street. Plaque denied until pointing is much improved.

533 Delancey Street. Plaque denied because of incorrect cornice.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:50.P.M.

Respectfully submitted, &c.....