

PHILADELPHIA HISTORICAL COMMISSION
COMMITTEE ON HISTORIC DESIGNATION

~~10 November~~ 1988

15 December

The thirty-third meeting of the Committee on Historic Designation began at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, 15 December 1988, in Room 1313 City Hall Annex.

Present: David Brownlee, Chairman of the Committee on Historic Designation
David Baldinger, Deputy Director, Philadelphia City Planning Commission
Caroline Golab
Hyman Myers cast his votes by telephone
Sandra Tatman cast her votes by telephone
Janet Klein

Randal Baron, Preservation Planner, Philadelphia Historical Commission

Also: Rebecca Trumbull, Preservation Coalition of Greater Philadelphia

NEW BUSINESS

The Committee reviewed nominations of the following historical and architectural resources:

Girard Estate Historic District

The Committee walked the proposed Girard Estate Historic District earlier the same day. They met at the Historical Commission offices to vote on the first stage of district nomination review, Resource Identification.

The Committee voted unanimously that a potential historic district does exist in the proximity of the Girard Park at 21st and Shunk Streets in South Philadelphia.

In addition the Committee agreed that the boundaries drawn on the map submitted by Ms. Trumbull are basically correct with the addition of the rows of garages between 20th and 21st Streets.

The Committee also discussed the proposed Spruce Hill District which has already been visited by several members. They agreed that consideration of that district should begin at stage three or Final Resource Identification because of the amount of informal review that has already occurred.

Grey Arches
6040 Drexel Road
David Knickerbocker Boyd, Architect

1893

This large Queen Anne mansion, the oldest house in Overbrook Farms served as the home of Luther Bent, President of the Pennsylvania Steel Company.

At the meeting it was determined that the house is to be torn down by the Talmudic Yeshiva of Philadelphia. The Yeshiva has already obtained both a demolition permit and zoning approval for a new dormitory to be built on the site. They have partaken in a dialogue with the neighborhood over reuse of the building and have come to the conclusion that reuse is unfeasible.

The Committee voted to not consider the designation of this building.

Respectfully submitted,



Randal Baron
Preservation Planner