

**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCIAL HARDSHIP
OF THE
PHILADELPHIA HISTORICAL COMMISSION**

**Wayne S. Spilove, Chair
Commission Conference Room, One Parkway, 18th Fl., 1515 Arch St.
24 September 1999**

Present

Wayne S. Spilove, Chair
Ernest Leonardo, Philadelphia City Planning Commission
Scott Wilds, Assistant Director for Housing, Office of Housing and Community Development

Elizabeth Harvey, Historic Preservation Planner
R. Scott Jacob, Executive Secretary
Laura Spina, Historic Preservation Planner
Richard Tyler, Historic Preservation Officer

Mark Zecca, Esq., Senior Attorney, Law Department

Also

Richard Sprague, Esq., Sprague & Sprague
Geoffrey Jarvis, Esq., Sprague & Sprague
Geoffrey Johnson, Esq., Sprague & Sprague
George O'Connell, Esq., Barbin and O'Connell, P.C.
Laurence Cutler, National Museum of American Illustration
Judy Cutler, National Museum of American Illustration
Elizabeth Merriam
Robert Lockeyes
David Donaldson
Deena Schneider, Esq., Schnader Harrison Segal & Lewis, LLP
William Brown, Esq., Schnader Harrison Segal & Lewis, LLP
Pearl Carpel
Janet Mason, Coalition for Philadelphia Art
Lawrence Wood, Jr., Esquire, Preservation Alliance
Janet Potter, Foundation for Architecture
Penny Bach, Fairmount Park Art Association (FPAA)
Laura Griffith, FPAA
Sharon Erwin, Esquire, FPAA
Carol Sivin
Sandy Ullman
Stephen Salisbury, Philadelphia Inquirer

Mr. Spilove recognized a quorum and called the meeting of the Committee on Financial Hardship to order at 10:15 A.M.

Dream Garden Mosaic Mural, Curtis Building Lobby, 170 South Independence Mall West
Estate of John W. Merriam, Applicant
DATE: 1914-1916
PROPOSAL: Removal

The Committee continued the review of the hardship application from the 21 July 1999

meeting.

Attorneys for the applicant were present, and introduced the following witnesses: David P. Donaldson, Judith Goffman Cutler and Laurence Cutler. Their written statements, resumes and transcripts of their remarks are attached.

Staff asked counsel for the applicant if it could question George P. O'Connell, Esq. or Elizabeth Merriam. Mr. Sprague asked to hear the questions first, then permitted Ms. Spina to ask Mr. O'Connell one of the prepared questions. The transcript is attached.

Members of the public objected to the proposal. Sandra Ullman spoke regarding the possibility of the citizens of Philadelphia purchasing *Dream Garden*.

Respectfully submitted,

R. Scott Jacob
Executive Secretary