

MINUTES OF THE ARCHITECTURAL COMMITTEE OF THE PHILADELPHIA HISTORICAL COMMISSION

20 February 1973

Present: Mr. Henry J. Magasiner, A.I.A., Architectural Advisor to the Commission
Mr. Erling H. Pedersen, A.I.A., Old Philadelphia Development Corporation
Mr. Louis Kramer, A.I.A., Architect for the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority
Dr. Margaret B. Tinkcom, Historian
Patricia Sienicki, Executive Assistant to the Chairman

Also: Mr. Michael Divney, Project Manager of Washington Square East, concerning the Old Philadelphia Development Corporation's request that the Redevelopment Authority demolish 607-09 Pine Street.

SUBMISSIONS

841 South Hancock Street, BAKER, ROTHSCHILD, HORN, BLYTH, Architects and Planners. This submission for alterations is approved with the suggestion that the architect tap one of the old flues and line it with metal for use in this building.

717-23 and 729 Spruce Street, CARL MASSARA & ASSOCIATES. It is recommended that the architect rusticate the first floor at 717 Spruce Street and add a band course between the first and second floors keeping the existing one, if possible. The proposal for 719 Spruce Street is approved as well as that for 721 Spruce Street. The existing door arch at the first floor level at 723 Spruce Street should be retained. It is also recommended that a colonial revival, rather than a Victorian, door be installed. The Committee approved the restoration of 729 Spruce Street with the suggestion that a three light rectangular transom be installed and that the original shutters be repaired and rehung.

401 South Second Street, A. DeRoy Mark, A.I.A. The Committee gave preliminary approval to this submission with a request that a serious study of the sash be undertaken. It is recommended that the Bishop White house at 309 Walnut Street be considered as a model for the sash at 401 South Second Street. Details of the frontispiece (with fluted columns), door, and shutters will be made available by the Commission staff to the architect.

524 Pine Street, Roland Davies, Architect. Approved.

Cliveden, Marianna Thomas, Draftsman. The Committee approved the introduction of an intrusion and fire detection system into this mansion.

Bellaire (Fairmount Park), John McIlhenny, Fairmount Park Commission Historian. The Committee approved of the minimal alterations to this structure and asked for a detail of the proposed fence and a justification for the introduction of a brick walk surrounding the premises.

SUBMISSIONS

151 North Fourth Street, P. Richard Frantz, A.I.A. At the request of Mr. Russell Milner, architect for the Redevelopment Authority, the Committee again reviewed this submission for the restoration of this certified building. It was recommended that the architect come into the Historical Commission office for help in planning this structure's restoration. It was noted that both the window and door on the first floor should be lengthened and that a three light transom is needed above the door. If the chimney is to be rebuilt, the position of the doors at both old and new structures must be reversed. A full gable must encompass the front portion of the house. Before this Committee can recommend final approval of this project, accurate measured drawings must be submitted with details of all moldings. Mr. Kramer and the staff of the Historical Commission will be glad to assist the architect in preparing his resubmission.

PROBLEMS

1314 Addison Street. The Architectural Committee was asked to legalize the roughcasting of this historically certified building done without a building permit. The architects noted that the facade was being held up by star bolts and recommended that the wall be examined for breaks or any evidence of bulging on the interior. The application for a building permit will be approved with a warning to the owner that he must obtain this Board's approval for any alterations to a certified building.

DEMOLITIONS

124 South Twelfth Street, New Century Club. The Committee recommended that the Board ask for a conference with the proposed developer of this site before considering any request for this structure's demolition.

607-09 Pine Street. The Old Philadelphia Development Corporation's request to the Redevelopment Authority that these two buildings be freed for demolition was considered and the Committee agreed not to oppose it since both buildings proved to be unmarketable. It was understood that this should not be construed as setting a precedent.

202-04-06 South Schell Street and 243 and 249 South Ninth Street. The Committee agreed to the demolition of these buildings as requested by the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority for development by a neighborhood church.

PLAQUES

128 West Queen Lane. Mr. Magaziner, upon examination of the building, reported except for an improper door and outside storm sash the building was in its original condition. A plaque, however, cannot be issued until these items have been corrected.

Respectfully submitted,

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Executive Assistant to the Chairman