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MINUTES OF THE EIGHTY-FIFTH STATED MEETING OF THE PHILADELPHIA HISTORICAL COMMISSION

29 September 1964

Present were: Mr. Harry A. Batten
Mr. James L. Ferguson, Department of Finance
Mr. Richmond P. Miller
Dr. Roy Franklin Nichols
Mr. George K. Trautwein
Mr. R. Norris Williams, II.

Mr. Grant M. Simon, Chairman

Also present: Mr. Oscar Goodstein, representing Commissioner Day
Dr. Margaret B. Tinkcom, Historian
Mrs. Charles J. Maurer, Secretary
Miss Constance F. Smith, Clerk II.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

THE MINUTES of the 28 July 1964 Stated Meeting were approved as circulated.

REPORTS

The Chairman stated that a Special Meeting had been called to discuss the 1965 Operating Budget for Professional Services

Historic Values Committee. Dr. Nichols, Chairman, stated that there had been no meeting of his committee and, therefore, he had no report.

Architectural Committee. Mr. Trautwein, Chairman, read a report on his committee meeting which was approved and ordered to be filed with the official Minutes of this Stated Meeting.

The Commission's Activities. Arising from Dr. Tinkcom's Report, were the following recommendations:

1. A letter from City Planning Commission be requested in regard to proposals for the preservation of Naglee House 4518 Germantown Avenue. Also, a similar letter from Mr. Philip Klein.
2. The Philadelphia Contributionship be approached with the suggestion that they publish a brochure based on material in their records and work being done for the Historical Commission by use of their files.
3. The Historical Commission to sponsor a symposium on preservation of historic values and invite similar commissions from other cities to participate.

The Chairman asked Mr. Batten, who made these recommendations, to plan the proposed symposium with Dr. Tinkcom. Her report was approved and ordered to be filed with the Minutes of this Meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

The Delaware Expressway. Mr. Williams asked that a report be prepared stating the number of certified buildings which will be lost to the Expressway, with information about each one. This recommendation was approved.

The 1965 Budget for Professional Services. Mr. Goodstein, representing Commissioner Day, stated that the Commission had expected to be present, but was presently at a meeting in the Managing Director's office. It was reported that Councilman Varallo is now at a meeting of importance in the Mayor's office and had asked for information about the duties of each member of the research staff in order to answer correctly any questions on the budget which might be put to her. Action was postponed, pending further information from these two sources.

NEW BUSINESS

Head House Square, the second unit, 408-416 South Second Street. The Chairman stated that he and the Chairman of the Architectural Committee had approved the drawings at a special meeting prior to the scheduled Stated Meeting. Mr. Trautwein then gave the background and reasons for this special meeting and a discussion followed, regarding the jurisdiction of the Design Board and the Old Philadelphia Development Corporation, in relation to certified buildings. It was pointed out that Mr. Erling H. Pedersen, consulting architect to the Old Philadelphia Development Corp., is an observer at meetings of the Architectural Committee of the Historical Commission.

Redevelopment Authority - a list of proposed demolitions of certified buildings for Washington Square West. It was resolved that a letter from Mr. Clinton Mullen, conveying the list of forty-seven buildings, be acknowledged. It was further resolved that the Chairman write to Mr. Lammer, inviting him to come before the Historical Commission to discuss its plans for the area, asking whether Washington Square West is to be divided into several units, or considered all in one; and when the action in that area is scheduled to begin. This was approved.

There being no further business, the Meeting was adjourned at 4:25 P.M.

Respectfully submitted

Grant M. Simon, F.A.I.A.
Chairman for the Commission