

MINUTES OF THE ARCHITECTURAL COMMITTEE OF THE PHILADELPHIA HISTORICAL COMMISSION

23 July 1974

Present: Dr. F. Otto Haas, Chairman, Philadelphia Historical Commission
Present: Mr. Henry J. Magaziner, A. I. A., Chairman, Architectural Advisor to the Commission
Mr. Erling H. Pedersen, A. I. A., Old Philadelphia Development Corporation
Mr. Theodore T. Bartley, Jr., A. I. A.
Mr. Russell Milnor, Architect, Redevelopment Authority
Mr. Richard Tyler, Historian
Ms. Diane DiFrancesco, Secretarial Assistant

SUBMISSIONS

301 Chestnut Street, Jack Heaton, Owner. This submission was reviewed by the Architectural Committee and they unanimously agreed that the proposal was unacceptable. The Committee recommends that a registered architect's drawings be prepared for any other proposed submission for this building.

2132 Mount Vernon Street, Mr. and Mrs. A. Mansfield, Owners. This submission was approved with a recommendation that shutters be hung for which the detail can be obtained from the staff and the windows must all be 4/4 for a proper restoration.

32-42 South Bank Street, George T. Manos, Architect. The Committee reviewed and approved this plan with the stipulation that a correct period door be put on the structure, i.e., one of early nineteenth century Greek Revival design. Adherence to this partial restoration will not qualify the owner for a plaque.

Philadelphia Museum of Art, Geddes Brecher Qualls Cunningham, Architects. The proposal for railings was reviewed and approved by the Committee.

406-410 Lombard Street, Bernard Marder, Real Estate Broker. The Committee reviewed this submission and agreed that the proposal was totally incompatible with the original style of the buildings involved. The Committee recommended that a proposal for a proper restoration be submitted with registered architect's plans.

333 South Seventh Street, Dr. O. R. Smith, Owner. The Committee reviewed this proposal and found no objections to it.

PROBLEMS

1205 Spruce Street, H. Appel, Owner. The Committee reviewed a recent photograph and a rough drawing of the illegal intrusion of through wall air conditioning units in this building. They agreed that the owner should be instructed to remove these units and restore the brick in the openings; furthermore, the Committee noticed that all of the requirements sent to the owner on 29 November 1973 were not carried out. Therefore, the owner is required to replace the cast iron railing and to remove the carriage lantern.

227 North Camac Street, Mrs. Michael Mastrangelo, Owner. The Committee noted that the structure is not identical to its neighbor at 229 North Camac. In order to be eligible for a plaque, the owner is instructed to install a three light transom and a correct door similar to those at 229 North Camac Street.

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PROBLEMS (Continued)

633 Pine Street, Richard Tyler, Historian, with questions from owner regarding its restoration. The Committee reviewed photographs of this building and made several suggestions for its restoration; namely, the door frame is wrong and proper examples can be obtained from the staff, six inch lapped diagonal siding should be installed on dormer, and the Redevelopment Authority should be contacted for its specifications. The Committee further agreed that because of the poor condition of the brick, if it were painted, a plaque could still be issued but this should not be a precedent for future submissions of other properties.

826 South Front Street, Richard Tyler, Historian, for W. Costanzo, Owner. The Committee reviewed the sketch of Ms. Costanzo for this property and agreed that it was not acceptable. An architect's plans should be submitted for the building's proper restoration. In order to do this economically, a beltcourse could be put on to hide the girder. Further recommendations are that two proper windows and a proper period door and doorway be installed on the first floor.

The Committee at this time again discussed accepting only a registered architect's drawings. It was unanimously agreed that in order to facilitate the review of submissions, only a registered architect's drawings will be considered.

DEMOLITIONS

Rear of 1023-1027 Clinton Street, Redevelopment Authority. The Committee approved the Authority's request to demolish the rear of these structures.

PLAQUES

833 South Third Street. A plaque cannot be awarded to this building until shutters are hung; the projecting sign is removed and replaced with a sign flush on the wall; a light by the side of the entrance is put on that is more closely in line with the building's design; and the side wall is patched. The Committee further noted that the sash should be 6/6 rather than 2/2, and the shingles on the cheeks of the dormer be replaced with diagonal lapped siding. In addition, any window air conditioner on the street front should be of slimline design, protruding no more than three inches.

3539 Locust Walk. Plaque approved for the Alpha Chapter of Phi Kappa Sigma Fraternity.

535 Spruce Street. Approved.

2144-2146 Green Street. This request for a plaque was approved with a recommendation to the owner that proper repairs be made.

125 Elfreth's Alley. The Committee reviewed this request and decided that a plaque cannot be awarded until the one piece transom is removed and a proper fanlight is installed similar to the one next door. The Committee also requires that shutters be hung on the structure if it is to be eligible for a plaque.

Northwest corner of Thirty-fourth and Spruce Streets. Plaque approved for the Irvine Auditorium of the University of Pennsylvania.

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PLAQUES (Continued)

3417 Spruce Street. Plaque approved for Houston Hall of the University of Pennsylvania.

228 Pine Street. This building cannot be awarded a plaque because the shutters are not properly hung (they are upside down) and the plans were not followed as they were submitted and approved. Although this restoration is not an accurate one, the owner will be sent an Award of Merit for his interest in preservation.

2359 North Broad Street. The Committee unanimously agreed that Dropsie University cannot be awarded a plaque until the metal screening is removed to put the building back to its original condition. If some form of window protection against vandalism is necessary, the Committee will review a submission more sympathetic with the original design of the structure.

732 Pine Street. Approved.

Respectfully submitted,

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