

MEETING OF THE ARCHITECTURAL COMMITTEE OF THE PHILADELPHIA HISTORICAL COMMISSION

20 May 1975

Present: Henry J. Magaziner, A.I.A., Chairman, Architectural Advisor to the Commission
Theodore T. Bartley, Jr., A.I.A., Preservation Committee of the American
Institute of Architects, Philadelphia Chapter.
Erling H. Pedersen, A.I.A., Old Philadelphia Development Corporation
Russell Milnor, A.I.A., Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority
Richard Tyler, Historian
Patricia Siemiontkowski, Executive Assistant to the Chairman

Also: William Way, Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority, Project Manager for
Washington Square West.
Miles Katzan, owner of 929-31-33 Spruce Street.
Lanny L. Leibowitz, Architect for 1029-33 Spruce Street.

SUBMISSIONS

800 South Fifth Street, The Pemberton Street Group. The Committee agreed to recommend the approval of this plan subject to the removal of the transom bar in the bay window. The staff will provide door and shutter details of the period.

1029-31-33 Spruce Street, Lanny L. Leibowitz, Architect. The architect's plan was reviewed and approval was recommended. The Committee, however, requires the installation of a cast stone or marble frontispiece rather than one executed in wood as requested by the owner. Also, the architect, after removing the stucco from the facade of 1029 and 1031, will treat a section of the slashed brick with an epoxy fill. This partial treatment of the wall will be inspected by a member of the Committee or a member of the staff before an approval for the treatment of the entire wall is given. The rear, Irving Street, elevation was also approved.

929-31-33 Spruce Street, FRIDAY Architects. The plan for the restoration of these three buildings was approved subject to the following requirements: the restoration of the marble or cast stone watertable across the facades of all three buildings; the inclusion of a transom bar within the door frame; and the duplication of the original iron railings. The Committee suggested that the architect view the building situate at 228 South Ninth Street and the information available in the Commission's files for this structure for additional information.

421-27-31 Chestnut Street (interior alterations), H₂L₂. Approval of the plans, as submitted, was recommended by the Committee.

SUBMISSIONS (Cont'd)

248 Catharine Street, Alden Blythe, Architect. The Committee recommended the approval of this plan for the restoration of 248 Catharine Street with the requirement that the dormer window have twelve lights of glass.

63 North Third Street. The owner's request to fill the lower story openings with cinder block was reviewed by the Committee. It is recommended that the Commission deny this request. Iron grilles, mounted into the masonry, or shutters, reinforced with steel plates, are recommended for protection to the lower floors.

251 South Camac Street. Although the owner agreed to do all work in accordance with the Historical Commission's recommendations, Mr. Way reported that work was continuing without building permits and without the approval of either the Commission or the Authority. The Committee recommended that a stop work order be issued until drawings are submitted for review and are approved.

SPECIAL REVIEW

NU SASH Replacement Windows. The Committee examined the sample window presented to the staff. The members noted that the muntin profiles were incorrect and that Mr. Flager be advised to duplicate the drawings given him by the staff more precisely, using convex instead of concave profiles. All references to the Historical Commission must be omitted from the firm's advertising.

REHABILITATION SPECIFICATIONS

410 South Tenth Street. The specifications for the renovation of this building were reviewed and approved. The building, although not historically certified at this time, will be presented to the Board for consideration at its next meeting. The staff will assist in working out the pattern of openings in the masonry.

712 Addison Street. The Committee recommended approval of these specifications.

1030-1032 Spruce Street. The Committee recommended approval of these specifications and agreed to allow the retention of the existing fire escapes if this is permitted by the Department of Licenses and Inspections. The staff will provide the architect with details for replacing the sash to restore the original appearance.

PROBLEMS

419 Fulton Street. The Committee, at the request of the owner, was asked to advise on the restoration of this building. To restore the

PROBLEMS (Cont'd)

fully and accurately, the construction of wooden steps with a basement entrance under them would be necessary. If this is not feasible, the Committee suggested that the owner repair the existing fabric.

PLAQUES

2016 Spring Garden Street. A plaque cannot be issued to this building until it has been fully restored.

1706-08-10 Green Street. The Committee will be pleased to issue plaques to these buildings as soon as they have been cleaned and repaired.

516 Delancey Street. Approved.