

The thirteenth meeting of the Philadelphia Advisory Commission on Historic Buildings held on April 30th, 1957, in Room 813, City Hall Annex. The following members were present:

Grant M. Simon, Chairman
Harry A. Batten
R. Norris Williams, II
Charles E. Peterson
William T. Gennetti, Deputy Commissioner of Public Property

Also present were:

Dr. Margaret B. Winkcom, Research Historian
Mrs. Theresa V. Police, Executive Secretary

and for parts of the meeting:

G. Edwin Brumbaugh, Architect
Mr. Drayton S. Bryant, Director of Community Relations

The meeting was called to order at 3:35 p.m.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved with corrections.

✓ Second Street Market:

Architect Brumbaugh attended the meeting to discuss any questions he might have in making preliminary studies of the Second Street Market. He pointed out the difficulty of restoring a building by contract and asked for a carpenter and a laborer for about a week to help explore different parts of the structure. Mr. Gennetti agreed to look into this matter.

Mr. Brumbaugh stated his belief that the Head House was built continuous with the market stalls and recommended that the whole group be restored as of one period. Mr. Simon urged work on the Head House receive priority.

Mr. Peterson recommended that a small scale drawing be made of the entire Market house. Mr. Brumbaugh agreed to make a preliminary line drawing (this would not be a perspective).

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Mr. Brumbaugh is to write the Commission a letter giving a brief outline of the work he would do in his preliminary studies, the cost not to exceed \$1,000; the City to furnish the day labor. The financing is to be discussed further with the Director of Finance and Councils.

It was pointed out that substantial construction had begun to remodel the site of the southern section of the market house (demolished last year) into a parking lot. Disappointment was expressed that a green park improvement was not made instead.

Shoomac Park:

The Chairman read a letter received from Mr. Thompson of the Fairmount Park Commission, stating that the recommendations of this Commission were not feasible and that the relocation of Ramp "F" of the Gustine Lake Interchange would be a substantial interference with the Park's recreation program.

It was resolved to write a letter to Mr. Thompson inviting the engineer designers of this project to a meeting with members of this Commission to discuss this further. This Commission is not satisfied that proper consideration has been given the preservation of the old house.

Administrative Board:

City Council 11/24/47
Mr. Gennetti read a memorandum received from Deputy Managing Director Weintraub regarding the review of City-owned "historically significant" buildings by the Administrative Board. In this memo, Mrs. Weintraub requested a copy of a certified list of City-owned buildings having "historical significance" and stated that the thought is that coordination may be achieved a little more readily through the Managing Director's Office than through a resolution of the Administrative Board.

It was stated that no such list of City-owned historically significant buildings was ever made up. The Chairman pointed out that our primary wish is to save the buildings we certify as "historically significant" from being demolished. Mr. Gennetti suggested that he discuss the Commission's wishes with the Managing Director's Office.

✓ List of Society Hill Buildings:

It was agreed by the members present that this list of approximately 500 buildings in the Society Hill area should be added to the list of certified buildings. It should be refined and corrected as research makes it possible.

✓ Dr. Tinkson's List of Nineteenth Century Buildings:

Dr. Tinkson submitted a list of nineteen buildings erected in the Nineteenth Century, one of which was the Academy of Fine Arts at Broad and Cherry Sts. The Chairman felt that it would be a good policy to have these later buildings added to the certified list.

City Hall and the First Unitarian Church:

It was agreed by members present that these two additional buildings should be included with the list of Nineteenth Century buildings.

Mr. Batten pointed out the value of the present City Hall as a "ceremonial building" as opposed to more modern structures that might be erected for purely utilitarian purposes.

✓ Change of Commission Name:

Solicitor Valente informed the Commission that the ordinance changing the name of the Commission to the "Philadelphia Historical Commission" was forwarded from the Managing Director's office to the Mayor's Office. The Ordinance has not yet gone into City Council.

Space for the Commission:

Mr. Gennetti stated that this matter was still in the hands of the Managing Director.

✓ Matthew Newkirk House:

Pictures of this building and information sent to the Chairman by Mrs. George B. Rodgers were reviewed and discussed. Thomas U. Walter, Architect for the Matthew Newkirk house, erected this building at 13th and Arch Sts. in 1836.

Matthew Newkirk was a pioneer in railroading and financially interested in the iron and coal industry in Pennsylvania. After he died in 1868, the property was sold to the Society of the Sons of St. George. It was enlarged (one story added) and a bronze statue of St. George and the Dragon placed above the pediment. Later, when the building was torn down, the portico was taken to Princeton and erected on the facade of the Mercer Manor. This building is now demolished except for the great white marble Ionic portico, which has been offered to Philadelphia.

Mr. Batten suggested getting one of the newspapers to give it some publicity - perhaps someone might want it.

Kirkbride's Hospital (44th and Market Sts.)

Mr. Drayton S. Bryant, Director of Community Relations, came in to talk about proposed plans for this site. Mr. Bryant stated that he feels the building has a real interest today in the service of the community and would like to see it used as an area-wide district center for social activities such as arts and crafts, a music center or cultural activities. However, the Philadelphia Housing Authority feels it should be demolished - even though it is fireproof and in good condition.

Mr. Bryant pointed out that all of the decisions of his group rely on whether or not the center building remains. Mr. Peterson pointed out that this property is on our list of certified buildings and the Commission could hold up demolition for probably a year.

Mr. Bryant stated that the Heritage Group is most interested in this building and is to hold a meeting the week of the 6th of May at the Heritage House in the conference room to discuss the possibility of obtaining this building for their activities. They have a dance group and a very fine choral group. Mr. Bryant suggested that members of the Commission attend this meeting but stated that he did not expect the Commission to become an operating agent in this activity.

A site plan by Harbeson, Hough, Livingston and Larson was shown, as well as an architectural plan study by Lancelot Sims an architect for the Housing Authority, who is very much interested in preserving this fine old building.

The meeting adjourned at 5:50.

Charles E. Peterson,
Secretary

LIST OF SOCIETY HILL BUILDINGS

CERTIFIED BY THE PHILA. HISTORICAL COMMISSION

WALNUT TO LOMBARD, SECOND ST. TO NINTH

WALNUT STREET

Merchant's Exchange, 3rd Walnut and Dock

south side

306

north side (3rd to 4th)

309

315

321

323

325

327³⁴³ which is N.E. Cor. 4th & Walnut (Dilworth, Todd, Moylan)

south side (7th to 8th)

712,

714

716

north side

705

707

711

713

715

729

731

735

N.E. Cor. 9th & Walnut (Walnut St. Theater)

WILLING'S ALLEY

St. Joseph's R. C. Church

321 (St. Joseph's Rectory)

LOCUST STREET

south side

S.W. Cor. 4th & Locust 23

408

410

north side

413

415

421

423

south side

700

702

704

706 (S. Washington Square)

south side

808

MANNING STREET

south side

730

734

736

738

SPRUCE STREET

south side (2nd to 3rd)

210 (S.E. Cor. Spruce & Philip)

220

222

226 (S.W. Cor. Spruce & American)

228

232

234

236

238

240

north side (2nd to 3rd)

N.W. Cor. Spruce & Mattis

209

211

213

215

217

223 (~~S.W. Cor. Spruce & S. American;~~

225-227 (now one house) (the N. E. Cor.)

231 (N. W. Cor. Spruce & So. American)

south side (3rd to 4th)

324

326

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Cont'd.

SPRUCE STREET - Cont'd.

334

336

338

north side (3rd to 4th)

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N.E. Cor. 4th & Spruce

south side (4th to 5th)

406

408

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412

430

Roumanian Synagogue (S.W. Cor. Lawrence & Spruce)

438

north side (4th to 5th)

425

427

429

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Cont'd.

SPRUCE STREET - Cont'd.

south side (5th to 6th)

502

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S.E. Cor. 6th and Spruce

north side (5th to 6th)

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south side (6th to 7th)

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Cont'd.

SPRUCE STREET - Cont'd.

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north side (6th to 7th)

N.W. Cor. 6th & Spruce (Holy Trinity)

617

south side (7th to 8th)

700

702

704

706

708

712

714

716

718

722

724

726 Cont'd.

SPRUCE STREET - Cont'd.

north side (7th to 8th)

701

705

707

709

711

715

733

— 735

737

741

north side (8th to 9th)

801

Mikveh Israel Cemetery (N. side of Spruce St. bet. 8th & 9th)

DELANCEY STREET

south side (Front to 2nd)

114

124

126

128

130

south side (2nd to 3rd)

S.W. Cor. 2nd & Delancey

202

204

206

Cont'd.

DELANCEY STREET - Cont'd.

214

216

232

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236

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248

S.E. Cor. 3rd & Delancey (329 S. 3rd)

north side (2nd to 3rd)

217 (N.E. Cor. Delancey & Philip)

229

231

233

N.E. Cor. Delancey & 3rd (342 S. 3rd St.)

south side (3rd to 4th)

S.W. Cor. 3rd & Delancey

300

302

306

308

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322

Cont'd.

DELANCEY STREET - Cont'd.

north side

309

south side (5th to 6th)

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N.E. Cor. Delancey & Reese

S.E. Cor. 6th & Delancey (329 S. 6th)

north side (5th to 6th)

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Cont'd.

DELANCEY STREET - Cont'd.

533

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north side (6th to 7th)

N.W. Cor. 6th & Delancey

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PINE STREET

south side (2nd to 3rd)

S.E. Cor. 2nd & Pine

S.W. Cor. 2nd & Pine (400 S. 2nd St.)

228

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236

S.E. Cor. 3rd & Pine (401 S. 3rd)

PINE STREET - Cont'd.

north side (2nd to 3rd)

227

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255 (N.E. Cor. 3rd & Pine)

south side (3rd to 4th)

St. Peter's Church - S.W. Cor. 3rd & Pine

north side (3rd to 4th)

N.W. Cor. 3rd & Pine (342 S.3rd St.)

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PINE STREET - Cont'd.

south side (4th to 5th)

424

428

430

432

north side (4th to 5th)

N.W. Cor. 4th & Pine (352 S. 4th St.)

411

415

south side (5th to 6th)

516

518

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north side (5th to 6th)

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N.E. Cor. 6th & Pine

PINE STREET - Cont'd.

south side (6th to 7th)

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602

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608

south side (7th to 8th)

702

704

706

708

714

716

730

732

734

736

738

north side (7th to 8th)

705

707

709

711

713

715

717

719

PINE STREET - Cont'd.

North
South side (8th to 9th)

Pennsylvania Hospital

CYPRESS STREET

304

306

308

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312

LOMBARD STREET

235

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437

SOUTH SECOND STREET

West side (Walnut to Spruce)

236

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Cont'd.

SOUTH SECOND STREET - Cont'd.

242

252

266

268

272

west side (Spruce to Pine)

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312

east side (Pine to Lombard)

S.E. Cor. 2nd & Pine

419

421

423

425

Second Street Market (Head House & Market Stalls to Lombard St.)

west side (Pine to Lombard)

400 (S.W. Cor. 2nd & Pine)

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PHILIP STREET

east side (Spruce to Pine)

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309

west side (Spruce to Pine)

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SOUTH THIRD STREET

west side (Market to Chestnut)

22 S. 3rd St. (Mechanics Bank)

west side (Chestnut to Walnut)

116 S. 3rd St. (First Bank of the U. S.)

Merchant's Exchange, 3rd, Walnut & Dock

east side (Walnut to Spruce

St. Paul's Church, 3rd St. S. of Walnut & opp. Willing's Alley
(217-231 S. 3rd St.)

259

west side (Walnut to Spruce)

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SOUTH THIRD STREET - Cont'd.

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east side (Spruce to Pine)

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327 (N.E. Cor. 3rd & Delancey)

329 (S.E. Cor. 3rd & Delancey)

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N.E. Cor. 3rd & Pine (255 Pine St.)

west side (Spruce to Pine)

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324 (N.E. Cor. 3rd & Delancey)

SOUTH THIRD STREET - Cont'd.

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east side (Pine to Lombard)

S.E. Cor. 3rd & Pine

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407

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413

S.W. Cor. 3rd & Pine (St. Peter's Church)

SOUTH AMERICAN STREET

west side (Spruce to Pine)

304

306

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SOUTH FOURTH STREET

east side (Chestnut to Walnut)

N.E. Cor. 4th & Walnut (Dilworth-Todd-Moylan House)

east side (Walnut to Spruce).

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cont'd.

SOUTH FOURTH STREET - Cont'd.

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west side (Walnut to Spruce)

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Shippen-Wistar House (S.W. Cor. 4th & Locust)

240

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262

St. Mary's Church, 4th above Spruce

east side (Spruce to Pine)

309

311

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321 (Hill-Physick, Keith House)

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SOUTH FOURTH STREET - Cont'd.

west side (Spruce to Pine)

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352 (N.W. Cor. 4th & Pine)

Third Presbyterian Church (S.W. Cor. 4th & Pine)

SOUTH LAWRENCE STREET

east side (Spruce to Pine)

325

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SOUTH FIFTH STREET

east side (Walnut to Spruce)

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SOUTH FIFTH STREET - Cont'd.

west side (Walnut to Spruce)

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east side (Spruce to Pine)

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west side (Spruce to Pine)

306

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SOUTH SIXTH STREET

east side (Walnut to Spruce)

219 (Athenaeum)

257

West side (Walnut to Spruce)

Holy Trinity for German Catholics (N.W. Cor. 6th & Spruce)

east side (Spruce to Pine)

315 (Cor. Cypress)

SOUTH SIXTH STREET - Cont'd.

west side (Spruce to Pine)

340

SOUTH SEVENTH STREET

east side (Market to Chestnut)

15 (Franklin Institute)

west side (Walnut to Spruce)

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240

east side (Spruce to Pine)

333

335

337

west side (Spruce to Pine)

324

west side (Pine to Lombard)

418

420

422

424

426

SOUTH EIGHTH STREET

east side (Walnut to Spruce)

S.W. Cor. 8th & Walnut

225 (Morris House)

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SOUTH EIGHTH STREET - Cont'd.

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east side (Walnut to Spruce)

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St. George's Greek Orthodox Church