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THE 138th STATED MEETING OF THE PHILADELPHIA HISTORICAL COMMISSION
30 September, 1969

Present were: Paul Leo McSorley, Esq., Deputy Commissioner of Public Property
The Hon. John B. Kelly, Jr., Councilman-at-Large
Mr. Richmond P. Miller
Mr. Edward Pinkowski
Mr. James L. Ferguson, Deputy Director of Finance
Isador Kranzel, Esq., Assistant City Solicitor
Dr. Margaret B. Tinkcom, Historian
Mrs. Charles J. Maurer, Secretary

VISITORS Miss Dorothy Byrd, THE EVENING BULLETIN
The Rev. James Jones, Pastor of Holsey Temple Christian
Methodist Episcopal Church
Lawrence Prattis, Esq., Attorney for the same.

Unless otherwise noted, all actions taken herein are the result of motions correctly presented, seconded and carried.

THE MINUTES of the Stated Meeting held on 24 June, 1969, were approved as circulated.

REPORTS

Historical Values Committee, Dr. Roy Franklin Nichols, Chairman. This Report was read by the Historian. Action included certification of areas known as St. Alban's Place and the St. James Block in the vicinity of 23d and Bainbridge Streets. Also approved was a Miscellaneous Purchase Order in the amount of \$200.00 from unencumbered funds in the Historical Commission's budget for cleaning, labeling and the display of artifacts uncovered by recent archaeological excavations at Stenton Mansion. This was approved and the Report directed to be filed with official copies of the Minutes.

The Architectural Committee, Mr. John F. Lloyd, Acting Chairman. Reports for 19 August and 16 September were read. Both were approved and directed to be filed, as above.

The Commission's Activities, Dr. Margaret B. Tinkcom, Historian. This Report was also approved and directed to be filed.

NOTE: Copies of these three reports, together with the Minutes, are to be sent after each Stated Meeting to the Mayor, the Commissioner of Public Property and to his Deputy, after the draft has been approved by the Chairman.

OLD BUSINESS

St. Paulus Kirke, Northeast corner of Brown and North American Streets. It was reported that several efforts to interest the Police Athletic League in this building, for which application to demolish it is on hand, had been made without success. Mr. Kelly agreed to pursue the matter further.

OLD BUSINESS continued

Fairmount Park Commission Houses. Dr. Tinkcom explained that the Preservation Committee of the Philadelphia Chapter of the American Institute of Architects is sending reports on these buildings to this Commission and to the Fairmount Park Commission.

Fort Mifflin, Delaware River and Hog Island Road. Dr. Tinkcom cited the intention of the United States Corps of Engineers to demolish the Fort's small hospital, situated outside the walls of the Fort, but close to the main gate. The hospital and the Fort are now on the National Register, but whether this will be enough to save the structure is still a question.

NEW BUSINESS

Cottage Row, 5305 to 5315 Germantown Avenue. The Rev. Mr. James Jones was introduced by his attorney, Lawrence Prattis, Esq. Drawings of the Holsey Temple Christian Methodist Episcopal Church, proposed for the site in place of the above certified houses, were shown and discussed.

After an extensive question and answer period, the two guests were excused and the Historical Commission went into executive session. It was agreed that the proposed structure will improve the area. It was, therefore, moved that the application for a demolition permit for 5305 - 5315 Germantown Avenue be given. The motion was unanimously carried.

The West Front of the United States Capitol. Dr. Tinkcom reported that the National Trust for Historic Preservation had asked the Historical Commission to write to Congressmen and Senators, requesting that the West Front be repaired, not torn down. Mr. McSorley asked that a copy of the proposed letter be circulated for approval before being sent. This was agreed to.

Mr. McSorley asked that a tablet or plaque on a tavern at Rhawn and Oxford Streets be checked for accuracy. This will be done.

A Resolution to be sent to Mr. John F. Lloyd, expressing the sympathy of the Commission for his recent bereavement, was approved.

The Philadelphia Historical Commission learned with regret of the untimely death, on September 22, 1969, of Mrs. John Frederick Lloyd.

IT IS RESOLVED that the Historical Commission extend its deepest sympathy to Mr. Lloyd, the Acting Chairman of the Architectural Committee of the Historical Commission.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at half past five o'clock.

Respectfully submitted