

THE MINUTES OF THE 18th STATED MEETING OF THE PHILADELPHIA HISTORICAL COMMISSION

25 April 1974

Dr. F. Otto Haas, Chairman

Present: Dr. F. Otto Haas, Chairman
Mr. Charles R. Tyson, Vice Chairman
The Hon. John B. Kelly, Jr., Councilman-at-Large
Mr. Edward Pinkowski
Mr. John Taxin
Mr. James Ferguson, Deputy Director of Finance
Mr. Henry J. Magaziner, A.I.A., Architectural Advisor to the Commission
Dr. Margaret B. Tinkcom, Historian
Patricia Sieniontkowski, Executive Assistant to the Chairman
Mr. Edward Mitinger, Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority
Mr. William Way, Project Manager, Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority
Mr. Richard Tyler, Historian

Unless otherwise noted, all action taken herein is the result of motions correctly made, seconded and carried.

THE MINUTES of the Stated Meeting, 7 March 1974, were approved and directed to be filed.

REPORTS

The Report of the Architectural Committee for 26 March 1974 was approved and directed to be filed with the official copy of the Minutes.

Recommendations by the Staff for the Certification of Buildings, Dr. Margaret B. Tinkcom, Historian. The following buildings are approved by the Board for certification unless an objection by the owner is made.

- 1530 North Sixteenth Street Book 47
- 1923-25 Spruce Street Book 8
- 129 South Eighteenth Street Book 8
- 602 Spruce Street Book #5
- 3330 "G" Street Book 33
- 227 North Camac Street Book 5
- 1500 block of Green Street Book 15

Chinatown

- 910-924 Winter Street Book 5
- 1016-1024 Winter Street Book 5
- 122-126 North Tenth Street Book 5
- 127-129 North Tenth Street Book 5
- 229-239 North Tenth Street Book 5
- 931-935 Race Street Book 5
- 4941 Race Street Book 5
- 1022-1024 Race Street Book 5

REPORTS

Chinatown (Cont'd)

- 1015-1023 Cherry-Street Book 5
- 1011 Arch Street 5
- 125-133 North Eleventh Street Book 5
- 110 North Ninth Street Book 5
- 112-114 North Ninth Street Ch 5
- 124 North Ninth Street Bl 5
- 200-202 North Ninth Street Bl 5
- 206 North Ninth Street Bk 5

Commission Activities, Report on, Dr. Margaret B. Tinkeem, Historian. Dr. Tinkeem's report was approved and directed to be filed with the official copy of the Minutes.

OLD BUSINESS

Haviland Paneling, Dr. Margaret B. Tinkeem, Historian. Dr. Tinkeem reported to the Board that the Walnut Street Theatre Corporation felt that they could not successfully incorporate the Haviland paneling into their theatre for permanent reuse. Mr. Cawood, Superintendent of the Independence National Historical Park, will be able to tell the Commission whether or not the architects designing the new building to house the Liberty Bell will incorporate the paneling into their plans by May 1.

NEW BUSINESS

Introduction of Dr. Richard Tyler to the Philadelphia Historical Commission Board, Dr. F. Otto Haas, Chairman. The Board members were pleased to welcome Mr. Tyler as Dr. Tinkeem's replacement on the Historical Commission staff.

Resolution - Dr. Margaret B. Tinkeem, Historian, Dr. F. Otto Haas, Chairman. The attached resolution was presented to Dr. Tinkeem by Dr. Haas in honor of her dedicated service to the Commission on the occasion of her retirement.

Philadelphia Historical Commission Architectural Committee, Dr. F. Otto Haas, Chairman. It was agreed that Mr. Theodore Bartley of BARTLEY LONG MIRANDA AND REYNOLDS would be asked to join the Historical Commission's Architectural Committee to fill the vacancy left by the resignation of Mr. Lewis Kramer of the Redevelopment Authority staff.

Mr. William Way, Project Manager of Washington Square West Urban Renewal Area, attended the Commission meeting to discuss the Authority's need for an architect to review plans for the restoration of historically certified buildings, to prepare specifications, and

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to review proposals for new construction. It was Mr. Way's hope that perhaps the Historical Commission might be of some assistance to the Authority in this matter. Because of the Commission's lack of a staff architect, it could offer Mr. Way, no immediate assistance. It was agreed that a letter expressing the Commission's concern be sent to Mr. Salvitti, the Authority's Executive Director.

Joint Conference with the Philadelphia Historical Commission, the Redevelopment Authority, and the Department of Licenses and Inspections, Dr. Margaret B. Tinkcom, Historian. At the suggestion of the Historic Houses Committee of the Old Philadelphia Development Corporation, a meeting will be arranged with members of the staff of the Historical Commission, the Old Philadelphia Development Corporation, the Redevelopment Authority, and the Department of Licenses and Inspections to discuss mutual problems including illegal work on buildings, the need for permits for historical structures for all alterations except painting, etc. It was agreed that the meeting be scheduled as soon as possible.

Salvage from Buildings Scheduled for Demolition by the Redevelopment Authority, Dr. Margaret B. Tinkcom, Historian. The previous practice of the Authority to allow owners restoring historically certified buildings the privilege of entering structures scheduled for demolition by the Authority and arranging with the demolition contractor for the removal of any components to be used in the restoration of their own building without paying a charge for this material to the Authority has been discontinued. At the suggestion of the Historian, it was agreed that a letter be sent to Mr. Salvitti asking that this procedure be reactivated.

Replacement for Mrs. Earle R. Kirkbride, Research Assistant, Dr. F. Otto Haas, Chairman. Dr. Haas reported on Mrs. Kirkbride's plans to retire from her position at the end of this year. The Chairman and the staff will consider this matter and, subsequently, report their findings to the Board.

Need for Additional Office Space by the Philadelphia Historical Commission, Dr. F. Otto Haas, Chairman. The Chairman, at the request of the staff, has asked Commissioner Silver about the possibility of obtaining additional office space for the Commission. No word has yet been received.

Cutoff Date for Certification Objections, Dr. Margaret B. Tinkcom, Historian. The Board agreed that if no objection from the owner had been received before the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Philadelphia Historical Commission, the buildings nominated for certification would be added to the Commission's list of certified buildings without further delay.

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National Trust Building Code Conference, Dr. Margaret B. Tinkcom, Historian.
Dr. Tinkcom reported Miss Sismiontkowski's plan to attend the National Trust Building Code Conference to be held in Washington, D.C. on May 18 and 19.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Sismiontkowski
Executive Assistant to the Chairman