

MINUTES OF THE 267th STATED MEETING OF THE PHILADELPHIA HISTORICAL COMMISSION

4 November 1982

F. Otto Haas, Chairman

Present: F. Otto Haas, Chairman
Janet S. Klein, Vice Chairman
Edward Pinkowski
John Taxin
John F. McCloskey, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Public Property
Val C. Mogensen, Executive Assistant Director of Finance
Herbert W. Levy, A.I.A., Architectural Advisor to the Commission
Frank Thomas, Esq., Deputy City Solicitor, Law Department
Richard Tyler, Historian
Patricia Siemiontkowski, Architectural Historian
Jefferson M. Moak, Executive Secretary

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

THE MINUTES of the 266th Stated Meeting of the Philadelphia Historical Commission, 6 October 1982, were reviewed, approved and directed to be filed.

THE REPORT of the Architectural Committee for 20 October 1982, Herbert W. Levy, A.I.A., Chairman, Architectural Advisor to the Commission. Mr. Levy asked that the report be amended by substituting the word "adjusted" for the word "assumed" in the minute regarding the property 311 Fitzwater Street.

Following some discussion, a motion was made to accept the Report of the Architectural Committee for 20 October 1982 except for the items relating to the properties 1120 Spruce Street and 309 South Street. Action on these two matters was tabled pending the receipt of additional information.

THE REPORT of the Committee on Certification for 14 September 1982, Edward Pinkowski, Chairman.

Each of the following buildings was reviewed individually and approved for certification:

2000 Mt. Vernon Street: The Robinson House
1707-1709 Arch Street: The Philadelphia Tract Society,
Methodist Church Building
1632-1636 W. Diamond Street: Bell Telephone Company,
Diamond Street Exchange
2600 N. Lawrence Street: St. Christopher's Hospital
for Children
8238-8240 Ridge Avenue: Thomas Shepard's General Store
1917 Walnut Street: The Wanamaker-Foerderer House
1921 Walnut Street: The McKean-Moore House
4624-4642 Walnut Street & 201-213 South 47th Street:
Breslyn Apartments
216 North 33rd Street, a.k.a., 3300 Powelton Avenue:
The Frederick A. Poth Residence

The Commission also voted to ratify the certification of 245-247 South 17th Street. Mr. Mogensen opposed strenuously the ratification of 245-247 South 17th Street owing to the deteriorated and mutilated condition of the building. He also expressed his concern over there having been no on-site inspection of the building by the members of the Committee to determine the present condition of the structure and the extent of damage caused by exposure to weather and poor quality workmanship.

Mr. Mogensen also voted against the certification of 2000 Mt. Vernon Street and 1707-1709 Arch Street. Mr. Taxin abstained from voting on the latter.

THE REPORT on Philadelphia Historical Commission Staff Activities for the month of October, Richard Tyler, Historian. The Historian's report was approved and directed to be filed with the official copy of the minutes.

NEW BUSINESS

Harry A. Batten Memorial Fund - Proposed Expenditures. The Commission, at the request of the Historian, approved the expenditure of funds to cover the cost of camera repair and bookbinding. The estimated cost for both totals approximately \$200.00. Mr. Taxin generously donated \$100.00 to the Batten fund toward the cost estimated for repair of the Commission's camera; Mr. McCloskey contributed another \$10.00.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Siemiontkowski
Architectural Historian