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November 27, 1956

A meeting of the Advisory Commission on Historic Buildings was held on October 30, 1956 in Room 813, City Hall Annex. The following members were present:

Mr. Grant M. Simon, Chairman
Mr. Harry A. Batten
Mr. Charles E. Peterson
Mr. R. Norris Williams, 2nd

Also present were:

Mr. George I. Lovatt, Jr.
Mr. Harry McDowell (representing Mr. McConnell)
Dr. Margaret B. Tinkcom, Research Historian

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

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Appropriation for Expenses: Mr. McDowell discussed the plans for financing the Commission and its chances of getting an early appropriation. The Council will be requested by Commissioner Regalbuto to ask for a supplement to the Public Property items specified in the Mayor's Budget.

Second Street Market: Mr. Simon reported that the Mayor had written a letter stating that he was favorable to spending \$22,000 on the Market House.

The need for a careful estimate for restoration work to be done was emphasized. Mr. Simon explained that Townsend and Elfreth Company had made an estimate for the headhouse alone somewhat less than \$22,000, but that something should be allowed for extras. Opposition was expressed to the idea of restoring the Market House with a space between the headhouse and the stalls.

Mr. Lovatt advised that the E. H. Keefer & Son contract on the headhouse had been nearly completed and cost about \$3500. A balance of funds was spent in exploring the structure, which was discovered to be identical with that in the section just demolished south of Lombard Street. Architect Brumbaugh advised on the Keefer contract and is to be employed both to study the headhouse and the stalls.

Historic Building Certificate: Mr. Simon read a draft of a suggested certificate to be presented to each owner whose building is selected for the official list.

Inventory Forms: The National Trust-American Institute of Architects-National Park Service inventory forms will be supplied free if five completed forms of each building are forwarded to Washington.

Photographs: Mr. Williams mentioned a party who has been photographing old buildings for the Historical Society of Pennsylvania with film furnished by them. It was suggested that he be requested to photograph the structures on the official list of 100.

Official List: It was suggested that Elfreths' Alley be described by using individual house numbers.

Categories: The advisability of dividing the list into "A" and "B" categories was discussed. It was agreed to omit the classification from the first list as initially published.

Society Hill Inventory: Dr. Tinkcom distributed copies of her "Check List of Old Building (before 1840) Chestnut to South Street, Water Street West to Third" listing over two hundred structures identified by street numbers and corner locations.

Old Philadelphia Development Corporation: Mr. Batten (Chairman of the Corporation's Planning Committee) suggested that the Corporation should give the City Planning Commission the funds to make an inventory of buildings worthy of preservation in the redevelopment areas.

Letters Received: Mr. Simon read in part - or otherwise referred to - letters received as follows:

Writer

Regarding

Mr. Lanell

Ottinger House, 4825 Germantown Avenue

Dr. Negley Teeters

Possible remains of old church north side Cherry Street between 3rd and 4th (Note: this may be old St. Michael's, German Lutheran)

WriterRegarding

Mrs. Earl Kirkbride

Delaware Expressway, threat to
her home, 708 S. Front Street

Dr. Brenner

Frankford

Judge Saylor

Castor House

Mrs. David Van Pelt

Second Street Market Headhouse

Delaware Expressway: Mr. George Kostritsky of the City Planning Commission sent the Chairman a location study placing the Expressway at grade on Front Street. This would separate the commercial developments on Delaware Avenue from the redevelopment areas to the west. The plan as exhibited seemed to take all the buildings facing the west side of Front Street but the delineation was not clear in that respect. It was observed that the line south of the proposed Lombard Street connection had been shifted eastward so as to pass east of Old Swedes' Church. This recent change spares a lot of small old houses which would have been wiped out by the previous routing.

Pent Eaves: Support was requested for the reconstruction of pent eaves in Elfreth's Alley. These picturesque features, judging by the physical evidence, were common in the Alley but ~~are~~ presently outlawed. The consensus of opinion was that these eaves ought to be permitted.

Friends Self Help Housing Program (735 Fairmount Ave.): Architect Stonorov requested endorsement of a proposal to retain the bay windows on some houses of the 1850's which might have to be removed because of certain City regulations. It was agreed to support Mr. Stonorov's proposal.

The meeting adjourned about 4:50 p.m.

Charles E. Peterson,
Secretary

October 31, 1956

HISTORIC BUILDINGS RECOMMENDED FOR PRESERVATION

BY THE ADVISORY COMMISSION ON HISTORIC BUILDINGS

SOUTH OF MARKET - from the Delaware to Sixth Street

Second Street Market (Head House and market stalls to Lombard Street), 2nd and Pine	1745-1804
Mechanics Bank, 22 S. 3rd Street	1837
Carpenters' Hall, 320 Chestnut Street	1770
First Bank of the U.S. (Girard's Bank), 116 S. 3rd Street	1797
Merchants' Exchange, 3rd, Walnut & Dock Streets	1832
Bishop White's house, 309 Walnut Street	18th Cent.
St. Paul's Church, 3rd Street, south of Walnut opposite Willing's Alley	1761
Powel house, 244 S. 3rd Street	1765
- Wharton house, 336 Spruce Street	1790
- Hopkinson house, 338 Spruce Street	1790
St. Peter's Church, S. W. corner of 3rd & Pine Streets	1761-68
St. Peter's house, 313 Pine Street	c.1780
Second Bank of the U. S. (Old Customs House), 420 Chestnut Street	1824
Dilworth-Todd-Moylan house, N. E. corner of 4th at Walnut Street	1775

Philadelphia Contributionship, 212 S. 4th Street	1836
Shippen-Wistar house, S. W. corner 4th & Locust Street	1762
Cadwalader house, 240 S. 4th Street	1826
President Madison house, 429 Spruce Street	1795
St. Mary's Church, 4th above Spruce Street <i>842-252 S. 4th Street</i>	1763
Hill-Physick-Keith house, 321 S. 4th Street	late 18th cent.
Third Presbyterian Church, S. W. corner 4th and Pine	1768-1857
American Philosophical Society, 104 S. 5th Street	1789
Supreme Court (Old City Hall, 5th & Chestnut Streets)	1789
Independence Hall (State House), Chestnut, between 5th and 6th Streets	1729-34
Congress Hall, 6th and Chestnut Streets	1789
Athenaeum, 219 S. 6th Street	1845
Holy Trinity (for German Catholics), N. W. corner 6th and Spruce Streets	1788-89

SOUTH OF MARKET - Seventh Street to the Schuylkill

Franklin Institute (Atwater Kent Museum), 15 S. 7th Street	1824-25
Morris house, 225 S. 8th Street	1784-86
St. George's Greek Orthodox Church (formerly St. Andrew's P. E. Church), west side of 8th above Spruce	1822

Mikveh Israel Cemetery, north side of Spruce Street between 8th and 9th	18th cent.
Pennsylvania Hospital, Pine, between 8th and 9th	1755-96
-Walnut Street Theater, N. E. corner 9th & Walnut	1809
• -Philadelphia Club, N. W. corner 13th and Walnut	1838
Asylum for the Deaf and Dumb (School of Industrial Art), N. W. corner Broad & Pine Streets	1824

SOUTH OF PINE STREET AND WEST PHILADELPHIA

Gloria Dei, 929 S. Water Street	1700
Sparks Shot Tower, Carpenter, between Front and Second Streets	1808
-Schuylkill Arsenal, Grey's Ferry Road and Washington Avenue	1799
U. S. Naval Home, Grey's Ferry Road and Bainbridge Street	1833
Girard's Gentilhommiere, 20th and Shunk	1750-98
The Woodlands, 39th and Woodland	1742-88
Bel Air (Singley house), League Island Park, 20th and Pattison	1670-1720
Cannonball Farm, Penrose Ferry Road	1714-20
Fort Mifflin, near Penrose Ferry Road, on Magazine Lane	1798
Bartram house, 34th and Eastwick	c.1650, 1731- 1770
-Wynnestay, 52nd and Woodbine	1689-1700

NORTH OF MARKET - Delaware to the Schuylkill

- Elfreth's Alley, between Front & 2nd (the eastern end of Cherry Street). Numbers 108, 110, 112, 114, 116, 118, 120, 122, 124, 126, 130, 132, 134, on the south side of the street; and numbers 109, 111, 113, 115, 117, 119, 121, 123, 125, 127, 129, 131, 135, 137, 139 on the north side of the street.
- Christ Church, west side of 2nd Street above Market Street 1727
- Merchants' Hotel, 44 N. 4th Street 1837 ✓
- St. George's Methodist Church, east side of 4th Street at New Street 1763
- Friends Meeting House, south side of Arch Street, between 3rd and 4th Streets 1804
- Free Quakers Meeting House (Apprentices Library), S. W. corner 5th and Arch 1783
- Fairmount Water Works, E. bank of the Schuylkill near 25th Street 1822
- Preston Retreat, 20th and Hamilton Streets 1837-39 ✓
- Girard College, Corinthian and Girard Avenues 1833-47

FAIRMOUNT PARK HOUSES

- Belmont Mansion, W. Park, on Belmont Drive 1730-62
- Cedar Grove, W. Park, on Lansdowne Drive 1721-95
- Chamounix, W. Park, on bluffs overlooking Falls of Schuylkill 1802
- The Cliffs, E. Park, near 33rd Street entrance 1757

Glen Fern (Livesey house), foot of Livesey Lane and the Wissahickon	<u>c.</u> 1725
-Hatfield house, E. Park, near 33rd and Girard	1760-1835
Laurel Hill, E. Park, overlooking East River Drive	1748
Lemon Hill, E. Park, above East River Drive, opposite Boathouse Row	1796
The Lilacs, W. Park, north of west end of Dauphin Street bridge	1805
The Monastery, foot of Kitchen's Lane and the Wissahickon	1746
Mount Pleasant, E. Park, on plateau overlooking East River Drive	1761
Ormiston, E. Park, overlooking East River Drive	1798-99
Penn house (Letitia Street), W. Park, on Lansdowne Drive	1703-15
Ridgeland (Mt. Prospect), W. Park, on Monument Road	<u>c.</u> 1806
Rittenhouse house, Wissahickon Park, at the foot of Rittenhouse Street	1707
- Schoomac Park, Wissahickon Park, corner of Ridge Avenue and Wissahickon Drive	1714 ✓
Solitude, Zoological Gardens	1785
- Strawberry Mansion, E. Park, near Dauphin Street Bridge	1750-1829
Sweetbrier, W. Park, on Lansdowne Drive	1797
Woodford, E. Park, near Dauphin Street entrance	c.1759-71

FRANKFORD

Trinity Church, Church Lane and Oxford Road 1711

GERMANTOWN

Stenton, 18th and Courtland Streets 1728-34

Wakefield, 16th and Lindley Avenue c.1800

Belfield, Clarkson Avenue, east of Stenton Ave. 1708-1810

Loudoun, 4650 Germantown Avenue c.1801

Baynton house, 5208 Germantown Avenue n.d.

Conyngham-Hacker house, 5214 Germantown Avenue c.1795

Howell house, 5218 Germantown Avenue c.1795

Theobald Endt house, 5222-5224 Germantown Ave. 18th cent.

The Bechtel house, 5226 Germantown Avenue c.1742

Grumblethorpe, 5267 Germantown Avenue 1744

Grumblethorpe tenant house, 5269 Germantown Ave. 18th cent.

Perot-Morris-Deshler house, 5442 Germantown Ave. 1772

Fromberger house, Market Square and Church Lane 1795

Germantown Academy and the headmasters' houses,
S. W. corner Schoolhouse Lane & Greene St. 1760

David James Dove house, 130 W. Schoolhouse Lane 1763

Vernon, Vernon Park (Germantown Avenue north of
Cheltenham Avenue) 1740-1803

Green Tree Tavern, 6019 Germantown Avenue c.1748

Wyck, 6026 Germantown Avenue	1690-1824
Mennonite Meeting House, 6119 Germantown Avenue	1770
Johnson house, 6306 Germantown Avenue	1765-68
Concord Schoolhouse, 6313 Germantown Avenue	1775
Cliveden, 6401 Germantown Avenue	1763-64
Upsala, 6430 Germantown Avenue	1796
Michael Billmeyer house, 6505 Germantown Avenue	<u>c.</u> 1730
Church of the Brethern, 6613 Germantown Avenue	1770
The School (Beggartown School), 6669 German- town Avenue	<u>c.</u> 1740