

MINUTES OF THE ARCHITECTURAL MEETING

April 25, 1960

Present were: Mr. R. Norris Williams, II.
Mr. Charles E. Peterson

Mr. George K. Trautwein, Chairman

Also present: Mr. George A. Robbins
Mr. John F. Lloyd

Mrs. Charles J. Maurel

The Meeting came to order at 2:30 P. M.

MR. ROBBINS'S DRAWINGS

The Chairman asked Mr. Robbins to explain his drawings of mouldings and glass sizes, frames and the number of panes of glass. This was done in great detail. The Chair asked for an expression of approval for this specimen sheet. It was given.

Mr. Peterson agreed that to be of utmost value, the drawings should be identified and said that he would give the sheet further study in an effort to be more helpful.

There was detailed discussion of several points: Title, period date, date of the drawings, number of copies for distribution and the method for distributing them.

It was recommended that this ~~be~~ receive fullest distribution and Mr. Lloyd agreed to explore the possibility of his organization underwriting some of the cost.

Mr. Lloyd showed the Committee examples of reproductions borrowed from the Free Library, illustrations of mouldings of doorways; Mr. Robbins will have access to these for future sheets.

DR. TINKCOM'S SUGGESTION

annually | Dr. Tinkcom had been asked to prepared the following: The Architectural Committee of the Philadelphia Historical Commission recommends that the Department of Licenses and Inspections be asked to consider the advisability of having each of their inspectors submit to the Historical Commission a brief statement of condition of the certified buildings in his district.

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The recommendation was approved by the Committee

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1. 208 South Fourth Street. The executive secretary reported that the owner now has the permit to carry out interim alterations, with the understanding that all recommendations from the Historical Commission are to be completed in two years. Further discussion of this property was postponed with the understanding that there might be more discussion at the stated meeting.
2. 514 Cypress Street. The executive secretary reported that a permit had been authorized by the Chairman of the Commission, that provides for interior alterations only. The owner has had a letter stating that another application for a permit will be necessary for exterior work, subsequent to submission of corrected drawings.
3. 701 Spruce Street. The Committee studied the rough drawing presented. The committee approved the proposed reduction of the back addition, on the grounds that the corner property is an interesting structure, the later addition to it is not.

Mr. Lloyd stated that the Redevelopment Authority will not allow any wooden fences and that it has a twenty year jurisdiction over the area.
4. 217 Delancey Street. The problem of wooden fences was again discussed. The owner states that there is archeological evidence showing that there had been a wooden fence originally. The Committee recommends that if this were replaced, it could not be vertical in any case. Mr. Lloyd repeated ~~hi~~ the statement that the Redevelopment Authority does not allow wooden fences, only masonry or metal. The Chairman reported that Licenses and Inspections will consider lumber, if it be fire resistant, and that a variance for this is required. The Historical Commission will approve the wooden fence if the proposed extension, a kitchen, is

built so that it does not preclude a complete restoration at a later date.

Mr. Peterson asked why the Commission allowed the owner to install a window on the Philip Street facade, where a door, said to be a carriage entrance used to be? The answer is that the Commission did not at the time, have all the evidence now in its possession.

5. 331 South Third Street. The second plan, following suggestions made at the March meeting, were approved, with the recommendation that full size drawings of mouldings be taken from the adjoining buildings, of which there are three of contemporary period.
6. 528 Delancey Street. Mr. Lloyd presented a preliminary set of plans for the restoration of this building. At his request the committee made a few informal suggestions that he will relay to the architect. The matter will be submitted to the Commission at a later date.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 P. M.

Respectfully submitted