

MINUTES OF THE 221st STATED MEETING OF THE PHILADELPHIA HISTORICAL COMMISSION

5 January 1978

F. Otto Haas, Chairman

Present: F. Otto Haas, Chairman of the Commission
Mrs. James C. Crumlish, Jr.
Edward Pinkowski
Val Mogensen, Executive Assistant Director of Finance
Herbert W. Levy, A.I.A., Architectural Advisor to the Commission
David Rosenblum, Esq., Assistant City Solicitor, Law Department
Richard Tyler, Historian
Patricia Sienicki, Executive Assistant to the Chairman

Also: Robert Levy, graduate student at Columbia University

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

THE MINUTES of the Stated Meeting, 1 December 1977, F. Otto Haas, Chairman.
The Minutes were approved and directed to be filed.

REPORTS

The Report of the Architectural Committee for 21 December 1977, Herbert W. Levy, A.I.A., Chairman of the Committee.

Proposals for the Second Street elevation of the Ross House, submitted to the Architectural Committee at its meeting of 21 December 1977 by the firm of Cope, Linder, Walmsley, were presented to the members of the Commission for review. Owing to the fact that two tenants will most probably be occupying the ground floor and that an agreement had been reached with the neighbors not to utilize the Pine Street doorway, two entrances on the Second Street elevation would be needed. After some discussion of the merits of each of the schemes, the Commission members agreed to accept the recommendation of the Architectural Committee on this matter and the others as outlined in the report. A motion was made to approve the report. This was seconded and carried.

Recommendations by the Staff for the Certification of Buildings, Richard Tyler, Historian.

There were no recommendations to be made to the Commission this month.

REPORTS (Cont'd)

Report on Historical Commission Staff Activities for the month of December, Patricia Siemiontkowski, Executive Assistant to the Chairman. This report was approved and directed to be filed with the official copy of the Minutes.

Following the approval of the Minutes and Reports, a number of matters were discussed informally by the Commission members and the staff. Mr. Tyler reported on the status of 700-714 Spruce Street and the Lit Brothers Department Store and answered questions concerning the 1976 Tax Reform Act.

The Commission's Chairman suggested the possibility of meeting in the streets to continue with the certification reviews. It was agreed that, weather permitting, the February meeting would be held on the street. Mr. Levy asked that a list of the buildings with their ratings be prepared for the members for future visits to the Old City.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:05 P. M.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Siemiontkowski
Executive Assistant to the Chairman

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