

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ARCHITECTURAL COMMITTEE OF THE PHILADELPHIA HISTORICAL COMMISSION

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Herbert W. Levy, A.I.A., Chairman

Present: Herbert W. Levy, A.I.A., Architectural Advisor to the Commission
Theodore T. Bartley, Jr., A.I.A., Preservation Committee, American Institute
of Architects, Philadelphia Chapter
Russell Milnor, A.I.A., Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority
Janet S. Klein, Vice Chairman of the Commission
Richard Tyler, Historian

Also: Alfred De Martini, owner of 524 South 11th Street

SUBMISSIONS

704 South Front Street, John Milner, A.I.A., architect. The Committee reviewed the drawings for the restoration of this property and recommended that pressure-treated wooden shingles be used for the roof, dormer cheeks and pent; the pent definitely should have wooden shingles. The Committee also suggested that the alley gate have a straight, not a scalloped, top, the line to be drawn at or just below the spring of the arch. Finally, the Committee expressed interest in the treatment of the sills on the basement windows; no sills appear in the submission drawings. The Committee recommended the approval of this proposal upon the satisfaction of the staff on these points.

608 South Front Street, Arthur Jones, A.I.A., architect. The Committee recommended the approval of this submission. Inasmuch as this work will not constitute a full restoration, however, the house should not be eligible for a plaque upon the implementation of the proposal.

715 Pine Street, Bernie Cleff, owner. The Committee recommended the approval of Mr. Cleff's submission for shutters.

524 South 11th Street, Alfred De Martini, owner, and Gerald Clawson, architect. The Committee reviewed a preliminary submission for this property and recommended that the ground floor bulk window be treated more sympathetically with the upper floors and with the period, c. 1870; that the sash be 2/2, not 9/9; that the side elevation be restudied with sympathetic consideration for Victorian design, and that every effort be made in plan to preserve the original openings.

DEMOLITIONS

407, 409 and 411 South 2nd Street. Having received further reports on the structural condition of these buildings, the Committee recommended that the Commission consent to the demolition of these houses. Inasmuch as 411 South 2nd Street is reportedly in sound condition, if the owner/developer chooses to resubmit a demolition permit application only for 407 and 409 South 2nd Street, the Committee recommended that only these

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two buildings be razed. It was also urged that the bricks be salvaged and required that measured drawings be prepared for the reconstruction of the houses as specified by the Redevelopment Authority contract. Finally, the Committee suggested that the developer consider the reconstruction of houses similar to 411 South 2nd Street, an early National period building, at 407 and 409 South 2nd, lots now occupied by Greek Revival houses.

PLAQUES

119 Lombard Street. The Committee recommended the approval of a restored plaque for this house.

1030 and 1032 Spruce Street. The Committee recommended that a plaque not be awarded to these properties, owing to the historically unauthentic railings at the steps and grills on the basement windows.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Tyler
Historian

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