

CWS

MINUTES OF THE EIGHTY-FOURTH STATED MEETING OF THE PHILADELPHIA HISTORICAL COMMISSION

28 July, 1964

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Present were: Mr. Harry A. Batten
Mr. James L. Ferguson, Deputy Director of Finance
Mr. Richmond P. Miller
Dr. Roy Franklin Nichols
Mr. R. Norris Williams, II.

Mr. Grant M. Simon, Chairman

Also present: Dr. Margaret B. Tinkcom, Historian
Mrs. Charles J. Maurer, Executive Assistant to the Chairman
Miss Constance F. Smith, Clerk II.

Mr. George K. Trautwein and Councilman Mary A. Varallo
regretted that they would be unable to be present

Unless otherwise noted, all actions taken herein are the
result of motions properly made, seconded and carried

THE MINUTES of the June 30, 1964 Stated Meeting were approved

REPORTS

Historic Values Commiss, Dr. Roy Franklin Nichols, Chairman

This report was approved as read.

Architectural Committee, Mr. George K. Trautwein, Chairman

This report was approved as read

The Commission's Activities, Dr. Margaret B. Tinkcom, Historian

Action connected with Dr. Tinkcom's report involved the resolution
that a letter be written to the Department of Licenses and Inspections,
asking Mr. Lindsay's Division to be alert for a request to demolish the
birthplace of Dr. Benjamin Rush. It was also resolved that an apprais-
al of the property be obtained. Mr. Ferguson agreed to make arrange-
ments for this figure. The matter is to be carried over until the
September Stated Meeting.

Dr. Tinkcom's report was approved. All the reports are to be filed with
the official copies of the Minutes.

OLD BUSINESS

Naglee House, 4518 Germantown Avenue. Dr. Tinkcom reported receipt of a letter
from the attorney for the Crease Estate and her long conversation with
Mrs. Crease earlier in the day. On Motion from Mr. Batten, the request
for a demolition permit was refused; the motion was seconded by Dr.
Nichols and was so ordered. A general discussion followed.

OLD BUSINESS CONTINUED

Redevelopment Authority

The Chairman reported on a telephone call from Mr. Lammer prior to his receipt of several letters arising from action taken at the June Meeting. Arrangements were to have been made for a meeting with Messrs. Amsterdam, Lammer, Rafsky and Simon. Nothing has since been heard from Mr. Lammer.

The Delaware Expressway

Commissioner Charles G. Day, being unavoidably absent, the matter of unanswered correspondence with Department of Streets was carried over to a later meeting.

Seventh and Market Streets, the Jefferson Memorial

Letters from Senator Clark, Judge Lewis and Senator Scott's office were read. These are replies to letters arising from Councilman Varallo's report on Senate Bill 605 and its amendment, presented at the last meeting. It was resolved that the Historical Commission can take no further action at this time.

6100 Germantown Avenue

A reply from the Art Commission's Executive Secretary to the Historical Commission's letter to Mr. Larson, protesting this sign as inappropriate in view of its proximity to historic buildings was read. It was resolved that no further action be taken.

The Hebrew YM & YWHA, Broad and Pine Streets.

It was resolved that the reply from City Planning Commission's Assistant Executive Director to this Commission's letter of inquiry about YM & YWHA expansion plans be acknowledged and that a copy of the correspondence be sent to the committee of owners of the Pine Street houses. This was so ordered.

NEW BUSINESS

Insurance Surveys, indices of surveys and the enormous number of these which have been copied by Mrs. Kirkbride.

As a result of Dr. Tinkcom's Report, it was resolved that Mrs. Kirkbride's work be appropriately noted; her diligence and interest commended and made a matter of record. The motion was made by Mr. Williams, seconded by Dr. Nichols.

Correspondence. It was recommended by Mr. Williams that Mrs. Maurer be authorized to handle correspondence arising from architectural matters as was done in 1963. This was approved.

The next Stated Meeting. It was resolved that this be held at the call of the Chair. It was further resolved that either Mr. Batten or Dr. Nichols be authorized to sign bills for the research staff in the absence of the Chairman.

There being no further business, the Meeting was adjourned at 4:30 P. M.

Respectfully submitted &c....