

MINUTES OF THE ARCHITECTURAL COMMITTEE MEETING, 23 January, 1964

Present were: Mr. George K. Trautwein, Chairman
Mr. Charles B. Peterson

Mr. John F. Lloyd, Redevelopment Authority
Mr. Joseph B. Townsend, Jr., Old Philadelphia Development Corp.

Dr. Margaret B. Tinkeon, Historian
Mrs. Charles J. Maurer, Secretary

SUBMISSIONS

310 S. American Street. It was recommended that louvred shutters be hung at the second story windows and that further study be given the dormer window for evidence of mouldings that are better defined than those indicated in the drawing. Compare this dormer with others in the row. Another drawing is required to show profiles of mouldings and interior details. Ironwork, already in place is unsuitable and will prevent the awarding of a plaque, should it be requested.

206 South Fourth Street. The doorway is disproportionately wide for the facade. A narrower one and two windows would be preferable. The matter was referred to the Chairman's decision. Details of all mouldings should be explicit for correct interpretation by the mill. The ironwork as drawn is not acceptable for the period. Another drawing is required.

311 Spruce Street. Slat shutters are recommended above the first floor. Arrangement of door panels should match those approved for 309 Spruce, since both houses were built by the same man. Details of mouldings are required in the next submission, should resemble those at 309 Spruce.

A carefully drawn set of plans for 309 is available for study in the Commission's office. The architect will be permitted to copy the necessary details. This includes the ironwork.

The Commission hopes that if the original woodwork is still on the dormer, it will be repaired, or, if necessary, replaced in kind. (See dormer on 315 Spruce.

317 Spruce Street. Shutters should be replaced, correct for the period. The dormer needs further study and should be drawn in scale and with accurate detail. Should not the chimney ride the party line? If it can be proved that the present door is of the same period as the cornice, the Historical Commission will approved its being preserved. No changes to side and rear windows are required if the Redevelopment Authority does not insist on this point, but another drawing should be submitted before a building permit can be obtained.

120 Pine Street. Mouldings for the shutters are too early for this 1860 structure. Cast iron rails with heavy details would be appropriate; those drawn are not. Details of door mouldings are required. The Commission questions the material indicated for the cheeks of the cellarway. These should be constructed of stone.

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SUBMISSIONS CONTINUED

711 Pine Street. Interior work only, as applied for, is approved.

235 South 10th Street. The drawings are approved as a rehabilitation for a commercial property. No plaque will be awarded.

Alder, Warnock, Spruce to Irving Streets, "Jefferson Village". A preliminary proposal. It was recommended that the Commission reiterate its position in regard to full restoration and ask the builder to submit proper drawings, one for each certified building involved. He shall also be thanked for taking the trouble involved in an undertaking of this scope.

PROBLEMS

274 South Third Street. Conflicting information and the lack of data in the file made it necessary to defer recommendations until the site can be viewed by Messrs. Peterson and Lloyd, who agreed to do this on Friday, 24 January.

NOTE: The report received, it was recommended that the architect view the doors at 263 S. 4th; 279 S. 4th and 309 Spruce Street, all of which are appropriate for the period of 274 South Third Street.

417 Spruce Street. It is the consensus that, contrary to the owner's effort to prove otherwise, this is an 1840 facade and recent interior photographs bear out this opinion. It is, therefore, recommended that the restoration be to that period, of which this is a good example; that any other treatment will produce an obvious hybrid.

PLAQUES REQUESTED

The Academy of Music. The request is hereby confirmed.

123 West Highland Avenue. A plaque for this is deferred until authorized generally for houses of this period.

236 Spruce Street. Authorization is deferred until a photograph is at hand showing the work completed correctly.

202 West Rittenhouse Square the Church House of the Diocese of Pennsylvania. The Executive Assistant to the Bishops has written, asking for a statement from the Historical Commission on its position in regard to possible replacement of this certified building by a new structure more spacious and convenient at some unspecified date. It was recommended that the Commission ask that plans for any proposed building be submitted for review; that no opinion on the Commission's stand in regard to the present building's being replaced is possible until it knows what shall stand there instead.

Respectfully submitted

George K. Trautwein, Chairman