

ARCHITECTURAL COMMITTEE MEETING
22 April, 1965

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Present were: Mr. George K. Trautwein, Chairman
Mr. R. Norris Williams, II.
Mr. Richmond P. Miller

Also present: Mr. Meyer D. Madway, Director of Operations, Queen Village, Inc.
Mr. Nick James Chimes, A. I. A.
Mr. Drayton S. Bryant, Consultant for Queen Village, Inc.

Mr. Erling H. Pedersen, representing the OPDC
Dr. Margaret B. Tinkcom, Historian
Mrs. Charles J. Maurer, Secretary

SUBMISSIONS

A statement was read by Mr. Madway, defining Queen Village, bounded by Bainbridge, Wharton, the River and Sixth Streets, and describing the work there as a Federal demonstration grant, to be matched with private funds, that its aim is to purchase and rehabilitate houses for people of modest income. The problem is how to handle certified buildings within the limits of their budget. Thirty-five houses have been purchased so far, twenty-two of these are certified, worthy of preservation.

Mr. Madway said that to prepare drawings to show even the minimum of work toward a restoration imposed a heavy burden. After discussing the main aspect of proposed work that took into account that no change to original openings should be made, it was agreed that the Commission would bring the matter of limited restoration before the Stated Meeting, recommending that a photograph with a list of items requiring repair be submitted for each building in lieu of a drawing.

Mr. Bryant reported that a new plaque is to be designed for rehabilitated houses and that it is hoped that the new owner will later fully restore the building so that it may qualify for one of the Commission's plaques. He spoke of the Queen Village project as "a seeding operation" to encourage further renewal of the area.

The guests were thanked for coming and excused.

At the Chairman's request, Dr. Tinkcom rehearsed points discussed with Mr. Simon at her recent conference with him, saying that consideration is about to be given to differing grades of certification. Grade A should have a full restoration if this is possible; Grade B would not need such correct treatment as long as the original fabric were not altered. This recommendation was referred to the Stated Meeting for appropriate action.

In summary, it was unanimous that Queen Village, Inc. should be complimented for its efforts on behalf of this interesting and historical section of the Old City and it was moved and seconded that Queen Village, Inc. be assured of the Historical Commission's commendation and its willingness to cooperate in every way within its power in their rehabilitation program.

401-411 S. 2nd St. Approved with a note that the 2nd St. doorway of 401 requires more study; that carriage-type lamps be omitted and that all materials used be noted.

313 Spruce Street. Submission approved.
124 Elfreth's Alley. Submission approved.
5267 Germantown Avenue, the backbuilding. Submission approved.
419, 421 S. Camac Street. Submission approved

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PLAQUE REQUESTED

238 South Quince Street. It was recommended that a plaque be denied, although the structure is attractive and well maintained. An award of Merit shall be given to the owner instead; and the letter shall state the basis on which authorization to purchase a plaque is the regular policy of this Commission

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:45 P. M.

Respectfully submitted

George K. Trautwein, Chairman