

MINUTES OF THE ARCHITECTURAL COMMITTEE MEETING, MAY 25, 1962

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

Also present: Mr. John F. Lloyd for the Redevelopment Authority
Mr. Joseph B. Townsend, Jr., for the Old Philadelphia Development Corp.
Dr. Margaret B. Tinkcom, Historian
Mrs. Charles J. Maurer, Secretary

SUBMISSIONS

- ✓ 302 Delancey Street. Approved with qualifications. The draftsman appears to be unable to draw. Example: the drawing is vague as to whether the door and shutter panels match precisely. It is recommended that all mouldings match those of 409 South Third Street, and that ultimately, a bulkhead cellar door be installed to replace one cellar window and door which appears to have been closed off. It is understood that the proposed work is in the direction of a complete restoration; until this is complete, no plaque may be awarded.
- ✓ 636 Spruce Street. Approved, with the note that the drawing of the dormer is still not accurate. Extenuating circumstance is that it requires only repair, not alteration. It is recommended that from now on, the Committee will no longer accept any discrepancy in drawing.
- ✓ 223 Spruce Street. Drawing not accepted. It is recommended that the architect be asked to reconcile his drawing with the insurance surveys in the file for this building. A strictly residential front is required.
- ✓ 424 South Seventh Street. The Committee, having recommended the approval of this submission at a previous meeting and the Commission having taken action (favorable) comment is now withheld and the matter turned over to Messrs Lloyd and Winborne for conference on the subject of winders, turned down by the Department of Licenses and Inspections.
- ✓ St. James of Kingsessing. It was recommended that the Vestry submit an engineer's drawing to explore the possibility of retaining an interior chimney for the new heating system, or else plan to have an exterior chimney in a better position in relation to the angle of the building.

PLAQUES REQUESTED

- ✓ St. James of Kingsessing. It was approved that the church be given authority to purchase Plaque No. 76.
- 244 South Ninth Street. The request was disallowed on the grounds that the alterations made to this certified building represent a rehabilitation but not a restoration.

PROBLEMS

- 1237-1247 Lombard Street. The Committee recommended that a letter be sent the owner, strongly reprimanding him on the many points of variation from the approved plans; that these be listed and a statement that the alterations represent a rehabilitation and do not merit plaques.

Problems

403-409 South Thirteenth Street. A report was made on steps taken to reach the architect, owner, agent and Mr. Winborne, without success, two weeks ago. The matter of violation of a building permit is now in the hands of the Chief of the Building Division, Department of Licenses and Inspections. This is in no way a restoration, although the plans for a restoration have been approved.

1018 Waverly Street. No comment at this time, pending the public hearing to be held on May 31 at two o'clock, before the Board of Review.

1237 Lombard Street. It was recommended that a request received for permission to install an air conditioning unit in a second floor front window be granted with the comment that the Commission does not like the looks of such a unit as it detracts from the appearance of the building, but that, understanding this to be a temporary measure, as the building has been provided for ducts and flues for later general air conditioning, the Commission shall give its approval on these grounds; or that the owner be told, merely, that the Commission exercises no jurisdiction in this case, for these reasons...

238 South Fourth Street.)

232 Pine Street.)

) Discussion withheld, as Mr. Lloyd had excused himself before these properties were reviewed.

The Meeting was adjourned at five o'clock.

Respectfully submitted, &c...