

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

17 May 1978

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

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

Also: Calvin Thompson of Cope, Linder, Walmsley to present his firm's proposal
for the construction of a fire tower connecting with the Ross House at
401 South Second Street.
Carl Krumholz, Architect and Mr. Kaiser, Owner, regarding 134 North Third
Street.

SUBMISSIONS

401 South Second Street, Ross House, Calvin Thompson, Architect. Mr. Thompson presented his plans for the construction of a fire tower connecting with the Ross House and fronting on Pine and for alterations to the rear of the building. The restoration of the Pine and Second Street facades had previously been reviewed and approved by the Committee and the Commission. As a result of a meeting with the Society Hill Civic Association, the original proposal for the design of the tower was modified to conform with the wishes of the neighborhood. Mr. Thompson also pointed out that the plans had been reviewed and approved by the Redevelopment Authority's Advisory Board of Design. After some discussion, the Committee agreed to recommend the approval of the plans as submitted.

134 North Third Street, Carl Krumholz, Architect. Mr. Krumholz presented to the Committee for its review his original proposal for the rehabilitation of 134 North Third Street and an amended one. His initial plan called for the moving of the entrance from the center of the facade to the north bay and closing in the large window openings on the ground floor with stucco and glass block. This treatment of the first floor would provide the security required by the owner, a goldsmith, for his commercial use. After some consideration, the Committee agreed to recommend the approval of the initial proposal.

224 W. Washington Square, Otto Reichart, Architect. The Committee reviewed the architect's plans for the restoration of 224 W. Washington Square and made several recommendations. The siding on the dormer window should be executed in wood rather than aluminum and should match the existing pattern. In addition, the door should match the existing original design of the door at 228 W. Washington Square. In all other respects, the plans, as submitted, are acceptable and the Committee recommends their approval subject to the above required changes.

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SUBMISSIONS (Cont'd)

902 Spruce Street, Alvin Holme, Architect. Approval of this restoration proposal is recommended.

56-60 North Second Street, Robert Decker, Architect. The Committee recommends the approval of this proposal, as submitted. It was agreed that this acceptance of the plans this does not include any approval for signage. The Commission should be consulted before any signs are installed on the building facade.

329 Queen Street, Howard J. Maresch, Jr., Contractor. Approval is recommended. The Committee noted that the door frame was not shown on the drawing but that since the specifications called for the repair and reuse of the existing frame, a detail would not be required. Also, the entrance steps should be corrected on the drawing to match what is existing.

1003-05 Arch Street, H. Reed Longnecker, Architect. Approval of this restoration proposal is recommended with the suggestion that the door within the window opening of the center bay at the second floor be converted into a window to match the flanking bays.

2137 Mt. Vernon Street, The Johnson/Smith Partnership. A resubmission of this proposal is required. At the first floor, a Victorian entrance door should be installed and the transom light reduced in size by installing a thicker door head. It is suggested that a light be recessed into the transom bar and that the exterior lighting fixture, as shown on the drawing, be eliminated. On the second floor two over two double hung window sash should be installed in the window openings and the french doors within the center bay should be lengthened to fill the complete opening and thus eliminate the need for a transom. Since the original carriage entrance is not being renewed, this project cannot be considered a complete restoration and the building will not be eligible for the receipt of a plaque.

RESUBMISSIONS

3200, 02, 12, 18 and 26 Powelton Avenue, Thomas M. Holloman, Architect. Approval of this resubmission is recommended. It was noted that the top of the glass in the first floor window sash should be elliptical to match the original design at 3218 Powelton and that all metal rainwater conductors should be painted.

PLAQUES

2222 Mt. Vernon Street. Approval of the "Certified Restored" plaque is recommended.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:25 P. M.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Siemiontkowski
Executive Assistant to the Chairman