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CITY OF PITTSBURGH



HISTORIC REVIEW COMMISSION

1. HISTORICAL NAME OF PROPERTY

Fulton and Arnold

2. CURRENT NAME OF PROPERTY

Mamaux Building

3. LOCATION

Street 123 First Ave., although it is listed in Deed Book as "118 Second Ave."

City, State Pittsburgh, PA

Zip Code 15222

4. OWNERSHIP

Name Margaret S. Peet, represented by Attorney Carl Citron

Street Allegheny Building

City, State, Zip Code Pittsburgh, PA 15219

5. CLASSIFICATION

Category	Accessibility	Ownership
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private, open to the public	<input type="checkbox"/> public
<input type="checkbox"/> site		
<input type="checkbox"/> object		

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6. DESCRIPTION

Write a description of the structure, district, site, or object. If it has been altered over time, indicate the time and nature of the alteration.

The building for the First Avenue side is believably, according to its reputation, the 4th oldest structure in the city. From the Blvd. Allies side, it was been badly modernized and needs restored to its original appearance. The rest of the building appears untouched.

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7. SIGNIFICANCE

Section 513.2 of Chapter 1007 of the Pittsburgh Code of Ordinances lists several criteria, at least one of which must be met for historic designation. Describe how the structure, district, site, or object meets one or more of the criteria.

First Side, as the first commercial area of the city, was to be designated as an historic district, according to a study done in 1983 by Vision, Inc. prepared for the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh and for the Department of City Planning. The ambitious plans included a park and underground parking. The study urged a zoning change as "the present zoning...encourages new construction rather than the adaptive reuse of the existing three to six story 19th century mercantile buildings...Firstside is easily susceptible to large scale development pressures." Unfortunately, the study's warning came true as Pittsburgh's first buildings came down in favor of empty lots for parking and the National Steel building, a concrete octagonal monstrosity. History and charm were replaced by utilitarianism and bad taste. According to its reputation, the building is the fourth oldest building in the city. It began as a firehall and was famous for the dances held on the second floor. Inside are the original hard wood floors and the 15 foot tin ceilings. This building, like so many others in the block, is earmarked for destruction for a parking lot for the union abutting it.

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8. NOTIFICATION/CONSENT OF PROPERTY OWNER(S)

See Attached copy of letter.

9. INDICATE THE NUMBER AND SUBJECTS OF PHOTOGRAPHS INCLUDED WITH THE NOMINATION FORM.

Front and Back of the Mamaux Building

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