



COMMISSION OF ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW

APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS

PROPERTY (location of work)

Address 2306 W. Grace Street
Historic district Fan - Grace Street

Date/time rec'd: _____
Rec'd by: _____
Application #: _____
Hearing date: _____

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Check if Billing Contact

Name Thomas & Priscilla George

Phone 804 441 2183

Company _____

Email interior.excellence@comcast.net

Mailing Address 2306 W. Grace Street
Richmond, VA 23220

Applicant Type: Owner Agent

Lessee Architect Contractor

Other (please specify): _____

OWNER INFORMATION (if different from above)

Check if Billing Contact

Name _____

Company _____

Mailing Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

PROJECT INFORMATION

Project Type:

Alteration

Demolition

New Construction

(Conceptual Review Required)

Project Description: (attach additional sheets if needed)

Repaint our home in historic colors. We have chosen the colors from your list. The house main color will be SW2822 Daring Sand. The stone lintels will be SW2821 Daring Stone, trim will be SW0050

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RESPONSIBILITY

and the ceiling on porch SW0068

Compliance: If granted, you agree to comply with all conditions of the certificate of appropriateness (COA). Revisions to approved work require staff review and may require a new application and approval from the Commission of Architectural Review (CAR). Failure to comply with the conditions of the COA may result in project delays or legal action. The COA is valid for one (1) year and may be extended for an additional year, upon written request and payment of associated fee.

Requirements: A complete application includes all applicable information requested on checklists available on the CAR website to provide a complete and accurate description of existing and proposed conditions, as well as payment of the application fee. Applicants proposing major new construction, including additions, should meet with Staff to review the application and requirements prior to submitting an application. Owner contact information and signature is required. Late or incomplete applications will not be considered.

Zoning Requirements: Prior to Commission review, it is the responsibility of the applicant to determine if zoning approval is required and application materials should be prepared in compliance with zoning.

Signature of Owner

P. George

Date

July 26, 2020

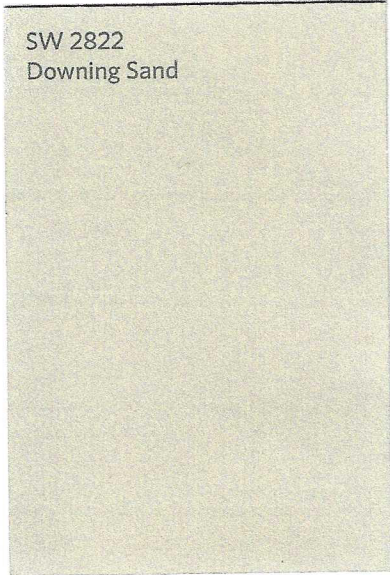
Dear Miss Jones and the Richmond Architectural review board,

My husband and I have many reasons why we would like you to consider our request to let us paint our home on W. Grace the historical colors we have chosen from your list of colors.

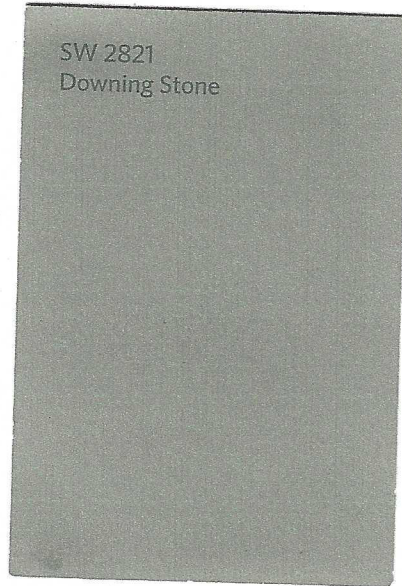
1. To remove the very heavy primer that the house is already painted would do great damage to the integrity of the brick house.
2. Had we known we were not allowed to paint we never would have started the process. But, we did and the entire façade of the house now has a very expensive and thick primer. We wanted the home to have a similar look to some others on the block and saw that most of the houses on the block are painted and therefore, had no clue we could not paint.
3. We would like you to agree with us that the colors we have chosen certainly fit the style of the home and are much more pleasing to the eye than painting it red. The old red colors in the historic palette are very jarring to the eye and look fake when painted. The house next to us is painted red and the house across the street and both look very fake and not pleasing to the eye. I am an interior designer, creating beautiful homes for people is what I do and know. I have been in business for over 30 years and have always loved keeping our homes we have lived in beautiful. Our desire is to help make W. Grace even more beautiful to the passer by.
4. We have walked our street many times since being told to stop painting. Most of the homes on the street are painted. 90 percent of them are not painted in the historic colors. We are unsure what the idea of having a historic block of homes is, if 90 percent not painted in the historic colors? Our neighbors house is navy blue, he told us he had to paint it navy blue again. Why is this? Why wouldn't he have to paint it in a color that is historic if he asked to paint it again, which he did. The house across the street has a bright pink door, another has a bright lime door and the house on the end of our block is 5 or 6 blotchy colors of grey and peeling paint and looks very bad. There are also many red brick homes with the beige façade which is what we want to paint ours i.e. the "downing sand " as the main color on the front.
5. We are truly trying so very hard to protect our beautiful home from looking fake and wrong on the block. We were told by Miss Jones to pick from the historic colors which we have done, for the brick and the stone and the porch ceiling. Also, in her first email to us she agreed that the brick would not be able to handle the removal of such thick and very secure primer. We totally agreed and would like very much your consideration for us to paint the house the colors we have submitted from your website of historic colors.
6. Finally, we have lived in the fan in another home and enjoy very much the lifestyle and the beauty. We have been on the holiday home tour as a host home last year and our home was well beloved by all the people who toured thru our loving decorated home. Last year we helped with the opening of our home and the hosting of it for the tour to raise over \$52,000.00 for the fan. We very much love living here. Now, in the new home on W. Grace we hope to continue our love and protection of this beautiful city.

Thanks very sincerely,

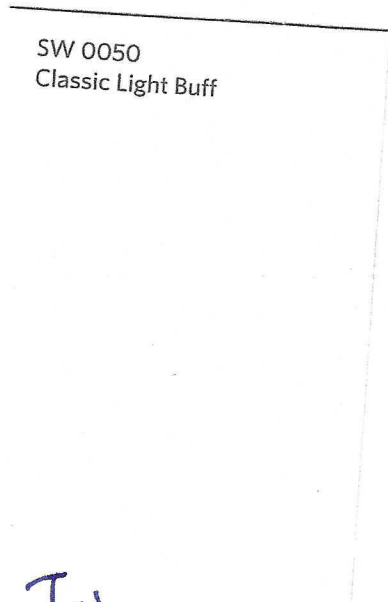
Captain and Mrs. Thomas P. George



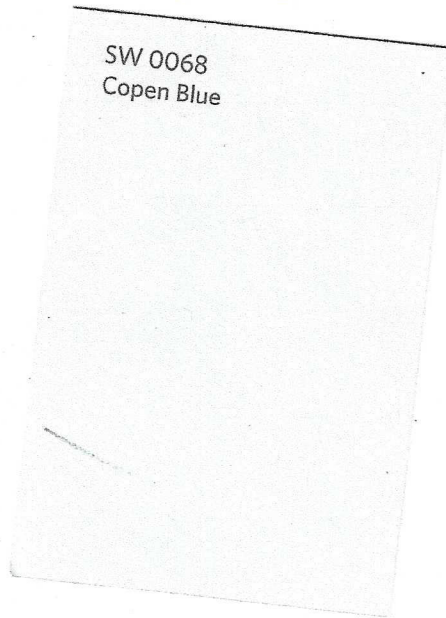
main - brick



Lintels - stone



Trim



Porch ceiling

Jones, Carey L. - PDR

From: interior_excellence@comcast.net
Sent: Saturday, September 26, 2020 10:33 PM
To: Jones, Carey L. - PDR
Cc: tpgnavy85@comcast.net
Subject: FW: 2306 W Grace Street, Commission of Architectural Review Decision Letter
Attachments: IMG_2043 (Medium).jpg; IMG_2044 (Medium).jpg; IMG_2046 (Medium).jpg; IMG_2047 (Medium).jpg; IMG_2048 (Medium).jpg

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Dear Ms. Jones and the CAR

Please see attached photos. This is our resubmission of our request to paint our home. After having the envirowash people here for two days do a test on the removal of paint we have come to the conclusion that the paint removal can not be done in a manor that is good for the care or the look of our home. The paint will not be removed well and will leave either paint in all of the grout areas or patchy paint or clouded areas on the brick. Especially on the nubby brick it is very difficult to be removed. We are asking again that you consider the colors that we have submitted to begin with for the painting of our home. They are within the historical guidelines and since there is not one home on this block that is painted in the historical guidelines we feel we are not over extending our ask to paint in these historical colors. It has now been 3 months since we started to paint our home not knowing that it was illegal to paint. Our home has been primer painted for all this time and we don't like having an unfinished unsightly home in this beautiful neighborhood. In that three months we have cared for all the other pieces of our home with tasteful décor and care for the back yard and the alley that was totally overgrown. We are the only ones on our block to care for all of our home in this way including the alley. WE would like to finish the outside of our home with paint. As you can see from these photos we have done all you have asked in testing with envirowash and do not wish to proceed with them as there is no way the house will look right when they are finished. Please attach this letter to our first letter to paint in the colors that we selected and add us to the October meeting. We would truly like to have our home painted before the winter months when it cannot be painted because of temperature. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Captain and Mrs. T P George

From: interior_excellence@comcast.net <interior_excellence@comcast.net>
Sent: Wednesday, September 9, 2020 9:21 AM
To: 'Jones, Carey L. - PDR' <Carey.Jones@richmondgov.com>
Cc: tpgnavy85@comcast.net
Subject: FW: 2306 W Grace Street, Commission of Architectural Review Decision Letter

Dear Ms. Jones,

Attached please find the photos of the results of trying to take the paint off of our home at 2306 W. Grace. The EnviroWash people tried for two days. They left the chemical on all night with bags over both types of brick. This morning they came and tried to remove with both pressure wash and with scrubbing by hand with a brush. The paint will not come out of the cracks and edges in the heavy brick and it will not come out of the mortar in the flat brick and it left a cloudy white wash on some of the flat brick. As we stated in the very beginning I had my painters use a very high quality under paint primer so that the job was done well the first time. Again we totally want to state that we knew nothing about not being able to paint our own house and make it beautiful. Our neighbor was wrong wrong in stating that he believed we knew we couldn't, tried to do it fast, so that we could get away with it and ask for forgiveness later. I have never been so insulted! We would never do something like this, we have taken every step to try to remove at our

expense and it has not worked. It has now been almost two months since the first paint went on and I would like to have this resolved. We are happy for you to come take a look for yourself Carey if you think the pictures are not enough evidence to support us. We want to get this settled and continue with our painting. We are not in town for the sept 22nd meeting. We want to know what the next step is. Please call us or write and let us know the next step as we are away for the next meeting but want our voice heard. I will still like to present the colors that I had chosen at the beginning of the time and not paint the house red. Please get back as soon as possible if you are planning to come by our home. Also please let me know how we address this for next steps.

Best,
Priscilla George

From: Jones, Carey L. - PDR <Carey.Jones@richmondgov.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 8, 2020 12:54 PM
To: interior_excellence@comcast.net
Cc: tpgnavy85@comcast.net
Subject: RE: 2306 W Grace Street, Commission of Architectural Review Decision Letter

Mrs. George –

Thank you for your email with an update on the progress of the effort. I appreciate you keeping me informed about the progress of this project. I share your concerns about the condition and potential damage to the bricks and mortar and I appreciate the care and concern you are taking with this project.

I am also available to come meet with you at the house and discuss this. I will also share this update and the previous with the Commission Chair and Vice-Chair.

Thank you,
Carey

From: interior_excellence@comcast.net [mailto:interior_excellence@comcast.net]
Sent: Tuesday, September 8, 2020 9:19 AM
To: Jones, Carey L. - PDR <Carey.Jones@richmondgov.com>
Cc: tpgnavy85@comcast.net
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Dear Ms. Jones,

Envirowash was here at the house today to do a test spot for the removal of the paint. The paint as I have stated before is really expensive paint and not coming off very well. They have now put chemicals all over the test spots and will return tomorrow for the removal of those areas. If this does not work by hand then we are very very concerned if they need to power wash it off. With the test spot the water forced thru the brick came thru the other side and as I have said before the mortar on our house is very delicate and I don't want water coming into my walls and damaging the walls of this house. I will let you know what transpires tomorrow but so far it has not worked very well. I am very concerned that as I said before this all started the taking off of the paint will do more damage than good.

Please reply so that I know you have read this. I heard nothing back from you when I sent in my last letter to the board chief and it would be nice to know that the board chief read my last letter and this one.

Sincerely,
Priscilla and Thomas George

From: Jones, Carey L. - PDR <Carey.Jones@richmondgov.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 26, 2020 11:13 AM
To: interior_excellence@comcast.net
Subject: 2306 W Grace Street, Commission of Architectural Review Decision Letter

Thank you for attending the meeting last night and answering questions from the Commission members. I am glad you were able to join and participate in the meeting. A recording of the meeting is available on the legistar website at this link: http://richmondva.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view_id=1&clip_id=2089. On the left hand side is a navigation panel and you choose your project. Attached is the Commission of Architectural Review decision letter. A hard copy will be mailed to you.

Please let me know if you would like to discuss the Commission member's decision and next steps.

Thank you,
Carey

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