

**COMMISSION OF ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW
STAFF REPORT
February 24, 2015 Meeting**

1. **CAR No. 15-009** (C. Skelly) **3005 E. Marshall Street**
St. John's Church Old and Historic District

Project Description: **Replace existing vinyl windows with wood windows**

Staff Contact: **K. Onufer**

The applicant requests approval to replace existing vinyl windows that are not original to the house with new wood windows. The existing windows are poor quality and have rotted; replacement windows will be like-for-like in appearance and may involve the removal of exterior storm windows.

Staff recommends approval of the project. The proposed work appears to conform to the recommendations for residential rehabilitation on pages 55 and 65-66 of the *Richmond Old and Historic Districts Handbook and Design Review Guidelines*. The windows to be removed are not original to the house and the replacement will be like-for-like in terms of location, size and glazing patterns for the windows as well as the architectural character and appearance of the windows. Further, the replacement of a vinyl material with wood is supportive of the guidelines against vinyl windows (page 65).

It is the assessment of staff that the application is consistent with the Standards for Rehabilitation outlined in Section 114-930.7(b) of the City Code and with the *Richmond Old and Historic Districts Handbook and Design Review Guidelines*, specifically the page cited above, adopted by the Commission for review of Certificates of Appropriateness under the same section of the code.