

**COMMISSION OF ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW  
STAFF REPORT  
March 28, 2017, Meeting**

1. **CAR No. 17-034** (J. Woerwier) **2715 West Grace Street  
West Grace Street Old and Historic District**

**Project Description:** **Replace wooden fence with brick wall.**

**Staff Contact:** **C. Jeffries**

The applicant requests approval to replace a wooden privacy fence in the rear yard of a single family residence in the West Grace Street Old and Historic District with a brick wall. The applicant proposes to match an existing brick wall that partially encloses the rear yard. This application is the result of enforcement activity.

**Staff recommends approval of the project as submitted.** The proposed brick wall matches the existing wall that partially encloses the rear yard of the property. The *Richmond Old and Historic Districts Handbook and Design Review Guidelines* state that a new fence or wall should be constructed using materials and designs appropriate to the District (pg. 76, #4). In addition to the brick walls on the subject property, brick is a common material found at the rear of many properties within the block.



2715 W Grace St in August 2011 (Source: Google Street View)



2715 W Grace Street in February 2017

It is the assessment of staff that the application is consistent with the Standards for Rehabilitation outlined in Section 30-930.7(b) of the City Code, as well as 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.