

**COMMISSION OF ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW
STAFF REPORT
June 27, 2017, Meeting**

18. **COA-018931-2017** (R. Wolkiewicz) **815 East Grace Street
St. Paul's Episcopal Church Old and Historic District**

Project Description: **Paint exterior storm doors
and modify existing walkway.**

Staff Contact: **M. Pitts**

The applicant requests permission to paint the front transom panel of the storm doors and modify the walkway between the Church and the Parish House at St. Paul's Episcopal Church. The St. Paul's Episcopal Church City Old and Historic District which was established in 1975 only includes the Church at the corner of East Grace and North 9th Street and not the adjacent Parish House and parking garage which were constructed in 1961. For this reason, Commission review is not required for the modification of the walkways as they are outside of the City Old and Historic District. The Commission's review is limited to the painting of the transom panel above the existing storm doors the bright red color to match the storm doors.

Staff recommends approval of the project. Though Commission's paint palette notes red is an appropriate color for doors, the palette does not include a bright red color as proposed. Although the bright red color is not traditionally used on local historic structures, staff recognizes that the proposed color scheme is in keeping with the Episcopal tradition and therefore recommends approval.

It is the assessment of staff that with the noted condition, 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 pages cited above, adopted by the Commission for review of Certificates of Appropriateness under the same section of the code.