

**COMMISSION OF ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW
STAFF REPORT
January 23, 2018, Meeting**

3. **COA-028035-2017** (A. & J. Stefanovich) **401 North Allen Avenue
Monument Avenue Old and Historic District**

Project Description: **Enclose small second story porch.**

Staff Contact: **C. Jeffries**

The applicant requests approval to enclose an existing second story rear porch of a Colonial Revival brick residence built ca. 1906 in the Monument Avenue Old and Historic District.

Staff recommends approval of the project with a condition. The applicant is proposing to enclose a small second story porch at the rear of the structure with fiber cement panels and wood windows behind the existing porch elements. The proposal is generally consistent with the standards for porch enclosures listed on page 71 in *The Richmond Old and Historic District Handbook and Design Review Guidelines*. In addition, only one side of the porch is minimally visible from the public right of way. Staff recommends that the new windows have simulated divided lites with interior and exterior muntins and a spacer bar.

While conducting a site visit of the property staff discovered that a large mural has been installed on the rear wall of the structure. The mural does not meet the Commission's guidelines for murals listed on page 75 of the *Guidelines* as it is located on a residential building. Staff recommends that the mural be removed or moved to a less prominent location.

It is the assessment of staff that the application, with the condition noted above, 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.