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April 23, 2019

PROPERTY ADDRESS

3309 Monument Avenue

DISTRICT

Monument Avenue

APPLICANT

D. Cho



Commission of Architectural Review

STAFF REPORT

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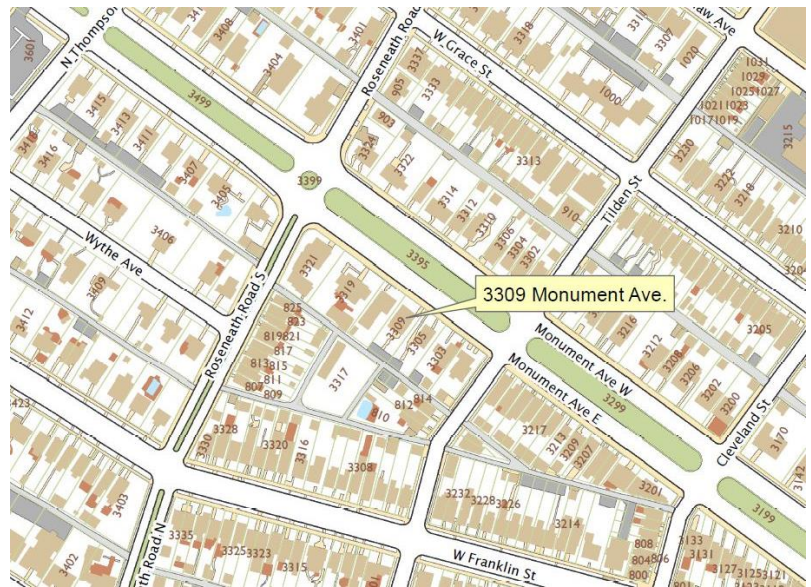
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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Add decorative brick detailing, including corner quoins and water table bands, to masonry façade.

PROJECT DETAILS

- The applicant requests approval to alter the façade of a Colonial Revival home built in 1950 in the Monument Avenue City Old and Historic District. This application is the result of enforcement activity as the work has been completed without approval.
- Though the City Old and Historic Districts do not differentiate contributing and noncontributing properties, the building is listed as a noncontributing resource in the inventory for the Monument Avenue National Historic Landmark Historic District.
- The applicant proposes to add decorative elements including a projecting brick water table and quoins to the façade of the home.



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STAFF RECOMMENDATION

DENY

PREVIOUS REVIEWS

The Commission approved a new garage and a rear two-story addition at the property in August, 2018.

STAFF RECOMMENDED CONDITIONS

- Staff recommends denial of the addition of decorative elements as it is not consistent with the *Guidelines*, and recommends the façade be returned to its historic appearance.

STAFF ANALYSIS

Standards for Rehabilitation #10, pg. 59

Adding features or salvaged architectural elements that suggest an inaccurate or undocumented sequence of construction should be avoided because this confuses our understanding of the evolution of Richmond's historic built environment.

The addition of decorative elements to the façade is not consistent with the *Guidelines* as it creates an inaccurate understanding of the architectural design of the home. Though belt courses and quoins are seen on Colonial Revival buildings, the home did not originally have these elements. In addition, other Colonial Revival homes on the block do not have this level of ornamentation. Staff recommends denial of the addition of decorative elements and recommends the façade be returned to its historic appearance.

It is the assessment of staff that the application is not consistent with the Standards for Rehabilitation and New Construction outlined in Section 30-930.7 (b) and (c) 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.

FIGURES



Figure 1. July, 2018



Figure 2. March, 2019