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PROPERTY ADDRESS

3516 East Broad Street

DISTRICT

Chimborazo Park

APPLICANT

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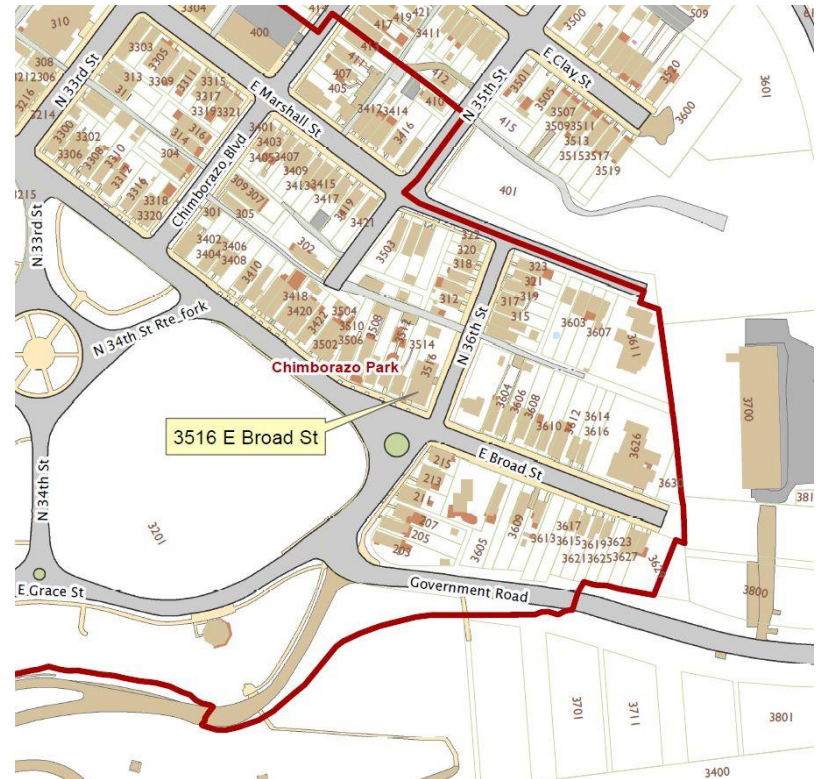
STAFF REPORT

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Remove two rear doors and install one rear double door with sidelights and transom.

PROJECT DETAILS

- The applicant proposes to alter the rear openings of a 2 ½-story brick Colonial Revival home located on the corner of East Broad Street and North 36th Street.
- The applicant is proposing to remove two doors on the rear of the home, widen the opening by removing the brick between the doors, and installing new aluminum clad wood double doors with side lights and transoms above. The stone headers and sills will remain with the brick between them.



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STAFF RECOMMENDATION

DENY

PREVIOUS REVIEWS

None.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

- The Guidelines recommend against altering original masonry openings. Due to the visibility of the doors from North 36th Street, staff recommends denial of the proposed alteration to the masonry openings.

STAFF ANALYSIS

Standards for Rehabilitation, #2, pg. 59	<i>Retain original wood features such as cornices, brackets, window and doorway surrounds, sashes and doors.</i>
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Porches, Entrances &	<i>Do not remove original doors and door surrounds.</i>
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The applicant is proposing to remove the existing doors and transoms at the rear of the home. The photographs submitted with the application are not clear enough to determine whether the existing doors are original or

Doors, #14, pg. 71	<i>Retain original entrances and porches including doors, frames, fanlights, sidelights, steps, balustrades, pilasters, entablatures, columns and decorative features.</i>	historic, however the transoms and doors do appear to be wood. In the absence of evidence that the doors are not original, <u>staff recommends the existing doors and transoms be retained.</u>
Standards for Rehabilitation, #6, pg. 59		
Windows, #5, pg. 69	<i>Original masonry openings for doors and windows should be maintained. Infilling original masonry openings is strongly discouraged.</i>	The Guidelines recommend against altering original masonry openings. As the existing doors are visible from North 36 th Street, <u>staff recommends denial of the proposed widening of the opening.</u>
Windows, #s 9 & 10, pg. 69	<p><i>9. The architectural character of windows should not be altered by inappropriate materials or finishes...</i></p> <p><i>10. The architectural appearance of original windows should be used as a model for new windows.</i></p>	The Guidelines do not specifically address new door openings, however the recommendations for windows include using the appearance of original windows as a model for new windows. Staff finds that the proposed double doors are not in keeping with the historic configuration of door openings found on the building or throughout the district, as rear doors are typically single doors rather than large double doors, which is a contemporary design.

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. View of rear elevation from North 36th Street