



Staff Report
City of Richmond, Virginia



Commission of Architectural Review

6.COA-146163-2024	Final Review	Meeting Date: 4/23/2024
Applicant/Petitioner	Raylene J. Robinson	
Project Description	Replace a front door with a new design.	
Project Location		
Address: 508 N. 24 th Street		
Historic District: Church Hill North		
<p>High-Level Details:</p> <p>The applicant requests approval to replace a damaged, aluminum, faux six raised paneled door with a new design.</p> <p>The building is Colonial Revival in style and is part of a grouping of similar houses that were constructed in 1997.</p> <p>All houses within this grouping have the same door design and assembly.</p> <p>The new door design will be aluminum and will have four faux raised panels and an upper transom window. The existing transom window above the door will not be altered.</p>		
Staff Recommendation	Partial Approval	
Staff Contact	Alex Dandridge, (804) 646-6569, alex.dandridge@rva.gov	
Previous Reviews	None.	
Conditions for Approval	<p>Staff Recommends approval of:</p> <p>Replacement of the front door in-kind</p> <p>Staff recommends denial of:</p> <p>Replacement of the door with the proposed design.</p>	

Staff Analysis

Guideline Reference	Reference Text	Analysis
<p>New Construction, Doors and Windows, pg. 49</p> <p>&</p> <p>Building Elements</p> <p>Porches, Entrances & Doors, pg. 71</p>	<p>5. <i>Original door and window surroundings should be retained. When selecting new doors and door surrounds, keep in mind that leaded, beveled, or etched glass is rare in Richmond's Old and Historic Districts, and is strongly discouraged and rarely permitted. Similarly, stamped or molded faux paneled doors are inappropriate substitutes for door types found in Richmond's Old and Historic Districts.</i></p> <p>14. <i>Do not remove original doors and door surrounds. Replacement doors and door surrounds with stamped or molded faux paneling or leaded, beveled, or etched glass are strongly discouraged and rarely permitted. Stamped or molded faux paneled doors are inappropriate substitutes for door types found in historic districts</i></p>	<p>The applicant proposes to install a new faux four panel door with an upper transom. The existing door is a six-panel door without a window. Staff recommends that the door be replaced in-kind to match not only the original, but to maintain consistency in design on this block.</p> <p><u>Staff recommends approval of the replacement of the damaged door, but that the replacement door match the existing in design and material.</u></p> <p>While a newer construction circa 1997, 508 N. 24th Street is part of a grouping of similar houses (502-516 N. 24th Street) that feature the same architectural elements, including six panel front doors with transoms above. Staff believes that maintaining consistency between these dwellings is important in maintaining the original intended character of the development.</p>

It is the assessment of staff that, with the conditions above, the application is 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. Façade



Figure 2. Google Maps, 1997 infill houses 502-516 N. 24th Street.

