

**COMMISSION OF ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW
STAFF REPORT
March 28, 2017 Meeting**

8. **CAR No. 17-036** (K. Kellman) **2623 East Broad Street
St. John's Church Old and Historic District**

Project Description: **Paint the rear of the building.**

Staff Contact: **M. Pitts**

The applicant requests approval to paint the rear elevation of a mixed use brick structure in the St. John's Church Old and Historic District. This application is the result of enforcement activity as rear elevation was being painted without Commission review or approval. The rear elevation was previously painted yellow. With this application, the applicant proposes to paint the previously painted brick wall Downing Stone (SW2821) which is a light brown gray color. The applicant is proposing to maintain the white columns and doors and the Classic French Gray (SW0077) trim.

Staff recommends approval of the project. The Paint Palette in the *Richmond Old and Historic Districts Handbook and Design Review Guidelines* notes that colors associated with the colors of natural brick are strongly encouraged. The paint palette includes colors that resemble brown and yellow clay bricks including a light gray brown color. Staff the supports the use of the proposed Downing Stone color as the existing unpainted masonry on the structure is a similar color.

It is the assessment of staff that the application is consistent with the Standards for Rehabilitation outlined in Sections 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.