

**COMMISSION OF ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW  
STAFF REPORT  
August 25, 2015 Meeting**

3. **CAR No. 15-105 (R. & M. Hash)**

**613 N. 22nd Street  
Union Hill Old & Historic District**

**Project Description:** **Replace front concrete steps with wood and add Richmond rail, replace asphalt siding with wood, repair brick piers and fence, on the rear install pair of doors, extend the hood over the door, and relocate 2<sup>nd</sup> story window**

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The applicant requests approval to replace front concrete steps with wood and add a Richmond rail handrail; replace asphalt siding with wood siding and repair or replace in-kind the existing wood siding; repair the existing wood fence and brick piers; install a pair of doors and extend the existing hood on the rear elevations; and relocate an existing second story window on the rear of a house located in the Union Hill Old and Historic District.

**Staff recommends approval of the project.** The *Richmond Old and Historic Districts Handbook and Design Review Guidelines* Standards for Rehabilitation – Residential Construction found on page 55 place an emphasis on the repair and retention of historic material and features. The majority of work described in the application qualifies as repair and retention of historic materials. The removal and replacement of the concrete steps with wood steps and a Richmond rail will not radically change the historic character of the front porch.

The pair of doors will replace an existing door and window on the rear of the dwelling. The window appears to be a later addition and the door and frame appear to have been altered over time. There is a small hood supported on triangular brackets over the door. The brackets will be reused but the roof will be lengthened so the new hood extends the full width of the new pair of doors. A newer window on the 2<sup>nd</sup> story will be raised so that the head aligns with the adjacent historic window.

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**Staff recommends approval of the project as submitted.** The proposed changes are consistent with the guidelines for windows, porches, entrances and doors on page 65-67 of the *Richmond Old and Historic Districts Handbook and Design Review Guidelines*.

It is the assessment of staff that the work outlined in the proposal is consistent with the Standards for Rehabilitation outlined in Section 114-930.7(c) 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.