

**COMMISSION OF ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW  
STAFF REPORT  
December 13, 2016 Meeting**

1. **CAR No. 16-170** (J. Ruffin)

**602 North 22<sup>nd</sup> Street  
Union Hill Old and Historic District**

**Project Description:** **Replace the wood siding on the secondary elevations with fiber cement siding.**

**Staff Contact:** **M. Pitts**

The applicant requests approval to rehabilitate a Colonial Revival dwelling in the Union Hill Old and Historic District by replacing the existing wooden siding on the side and rear elevations with fiber cement siding. The applicant proposes to install smooth HardiPlank lap siding to replace the existing siding which shows signs of deterioration. The façade of the home will not be altered and will retain the existing wood siding.

**Staff recommends approval of the project with conditions.** The *Richmond Old and Historic Districts Handbook and Design Review Guidelines* note that fiber cement siding is a product with limited applications which includes being used on secondary elevations with limited visibility from the public right of way (pg. 56). The applicant is proposing to install the fiber cement siding on the three secondary elevations which are limitedly visible from the public right of way. Staff supports the installation of fiber cement siding on the secondary elevations with the condition that the siding be smooth, unbeaded, and installed with a reveal consistent with the historic reveal. As paint colors were not provided, staff recommends approval with the condition that the applicant submit paint colors for administrative review and approval.

It is the assessment of staff that the application, with the noted conditions, is consistent with the Standards for Rehabilitation in Section 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 pages cited above, adopted by the Commission for review of Certificates of Appropriateness under the same section of the code.