

**COMMISSION OF ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW  
STAFF REPORT  
May 23, 2017, Meeting**

3. **COA-016775-2017** (A. Gayle) **3416 East Marshall Street  
Chimborazo Park Old and Historic District**

**Project Description:** **Install new front handrail.**

**Staff Contact:** **C. Jeffries**

The applicant requests approval to install a new handrail at the entrance of a multi-family home in the Chimborazo Park Old and Historic District. This application is the result of enforcement activity as the railing was installed without prior approval.

**Staff recommends approval with conditions.** The *Richmond Old and Historic Districts Handbook and Design Review Guidelines* encourages the use of the traditional Richmond rail design for new railings (pg. 47, #2). There is no evidence of an existing handrail at the property and the new handrail uses the Richmond rail design. Staff has some concern with the use of stock posts as they are not of a design typically found within the district. Staff recommends the posts be modified by removing the portion above the V groove, and the railing be painted or opaquely stained a color to be administratively reviewed and approved.

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