



# Staff Report City of Richmond, Virginia



## Commission of Architectural Review

1.COA-150679-2024	Final Review	Meeting Date: 7/23/2024
Applicant/Petitioner	Alexandra Hamp	
Project Description	Alteration - New Awnings	
Project Location		
Address: 2709 Monument Avenue		
Historic District: Boulevard, Monument Avenue		
<p>High-Level Details:</p> <p>Applicant proposed to add two small awnings to the outside doors that lead into the back Chapel hall and from the Courtyard playground.</p> <p>Awning #1 Specs: 7-11 wide x 2-0 drop x 5-0 projection with 0-6 valance. Material to be Firesist and color to be Black.</p> <p>Awning #2 Specs: 6-0 wide x 3-0 drop x 5-4 projection with 0-6 rigid valance. Material to be Firesist and color to be Black.</p>		
Staff Recommendation	Approval, with Conditions	
Staff Contact	Alex Dandridge, alex.dandridge@rva.gov, (804) 617 2496	
Previous Reviews	None	
Conditions for Approval	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The awning mounted hardware to be installed directly into the mortar joints to avoid damage to the historic masonry</li> <li>Applicant to work with staff for final placement, design, and materials</li> </ul>	

## Staff Analysis

Guideline Reference	Reference Text	Analysis
Building Elements, Awning Design & Placement p. 72	<p>1. Awnings should be placed carefully so that building elements or existing materials are not damaged or obscured.</p> <p>5. Awning mounting hardware should be installed directly into mortar joints to avoid damage to historic masonry.</p>	<p>The applicant proposes to install two new awnings. Staff finds that the proposed awnings are in keeping with the <i>Guidelines</i> and recommends approval with the condition that <u>the awnings be anchored into the mortar, not the historic brick.</u></p>

<p>Building Elements, Awning Fabric &amp; Color p. 72</p>	<p>6. <i>The choice of colors should be coordinated as part of an overall color scheme, and solid colors, wide stripes and narrow stripes may be considered inappropriate, depending on existing on-site conditions.</i></p> <p>7. <i>There is a wide variety of materials ranging from traditional painted cotton to new acrylic fabrics. Most awnings can be washed.</i></p>	<p>The applicant's application &amp; plans with the corresponding preliminary renderings are generally satisfactory and is in keeping with the neighborhood's historic character and design. Staff finds that the proposed awnings are in keeping with the <i>Guidelines</i> and recommends approval with the condition that <u>the Applicant work with staff for final placement, design, and materials.</u></p>
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*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. Door from playground off Monument Ave.



Figure 2. Door to chapel on ramp side of Bell Tower on Monument Ave.

