



**Staff Report**  
**City of Richmond, Virginia**



**Commission of Architectural Review**

1. COA-123206-2023	<b>Final Review</b>	<b>Meeting Date: 1/24/2023</b>
<b>Applicant/Petitioner</b>	Aimee Sanford	
<b>Project Description</b>	Construct a front yard concrete retaining wall.	
<b>Project Location</b>		
<b>Address: 519 N 28<sup>th</sup> Street</b>		
<b>Historic District: Church Hill North</b>		
<p><b>High-Level Details:</b></p> <p>Applicant is proposing the construction of a concrete front retaining wall that is similar in size to neighboring properties.</p> <p>The existing building is a modern interpretation of a frame Italianate dwelling and was constructed around 2009.</p>		
<b>Staff Recommendation</b>	<b>Approval</b>	
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<b>Previous Reviews</b>	None.	
<b>Conditions for Approval</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None.</li> </ul>	

**Staff Analysis**

Guideline Reference	Reference Text	Analysis
Standards for Site Improvements, p. 78, #6	<i>A new fence or wall should be constructed using materials and designs appropriate to the District. Height restrictions are governed by the Zoning Ordinance.</i>	Applicant notes that the wall will be constructed with similar building material to the neighboring properties retaining walls.

<p>Standards for Site Improvement, p. 76, #7</p>	<p><i>Sidewalks and curbs should be built of common building materials found throughout the District.</i></p>	<p>Applicant has indicated the wall will be 1.5-2 feet in height and constructed with concrete. Applicant notes that adjacent properties on the street have similar concrete retaining walls.</p> <p><b><u>Staff recommends approval of the 1.5-2-foot wall constructed from concrete.</u></b></p>
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## Figures

Figure 1. *Subject property*



Figure 2. *Assessor card photo 1950s/60s*



Figure 3. 1924-1925 Sanborn map

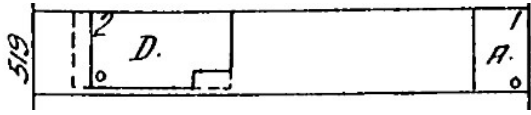


Figure 4. walls on block

