

**COMMISSION OF ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW
STAFF REPORT
July 25, 2017, Meeting**

8. **COA-019807-2017** (S. DeMagistris) **2510-2512 Monument Avenue
Monument Avenue Old and Historic District**

Project Description: **Replace front walk with concrete pavers.**

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The applicant requests approval to replace the front sidewalk of a Greek Revival multifamily building in the Monument Avenue City Old and Historic District. The applicant proposes to remove existing deteriorated concrete and replace it with concrete pavers. The Commission approved the installation of brick pavers on March 28, 2017 but the applicant wishes to install a different paving material.

Staff recommends denial of the project as proposed. *The Richmond Old and Historic District Handbook and Design Review Guidelines* state that brick or granite pavers are the most appropriate choice for sidewalks and curbs in most Old and Historic Districts (pg. 74, #4). As the proposed concrete product is not a paving material found within the district and is not similar in appearance to common paving materials in the district staff recommends denial of the proposed concrete pavers.

It is the assessment of staff that the application is not 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.