

**COMMISSION OF ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW  
STAFF REPORT  
August 22, 2017, Meeting**

9. **COA-021120-2017** (S. Bugnacki) **5 West Leigh Street  
Jackson Ward Old and Historic District**

**Project Description:** **Paint a previously painted brick home.**

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

The applicant requests approval to paint the façade of a two-story brick Italianate home in the Jackson Ward Old and Historic District. The applicant wishes to paint the home Sunbeam Yellow, SW0078.

**Staff recommends denial of the project.** The *Richmond Old and Historic Districts Handbook and Design Review Guidelines* state that unpainted historic brick should not be painted (Paint Guidelines, Historic Masonry). The brick on the façade of the home was previously painted red. The *Guidelines* also state that previously-painted brick should be painted a color to match the original brick color when possible. As the yellow selected by the applicant does not match the red brick staff cannot support the proposed color. Staff suggests the applicant instead choose a red color which can be administratively approved.

It is the assessment of staff that the application is inconsistent with the Standards for Rehabilitation outlined in Sections 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.