

**COMMISSION OF ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW  
STAFF REPORT  
January 24, 2017, Meeting**

3. **CAR No. 17-008** (J. Polisano)

**111 Virginia Street  
Shockoe Slip Old and Historic District**

**Project Description:**

**Replace existing doors,  
canopy and signage.**

**Staff Contact:**

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The applicant proposes to make exterior alterations to this contemporary building in the Shockoe Slip Old and Historic District. The applicant is proposing to complete the following work:

- Replace existing wood storefront and door with a polished chrome entry door and windows.
- Replace the existing entry canopy with an aluminum entry canopy and updated signage.
- Replace three (3) existing decal window signs with an updated logo.
- Install an illuminated menu display by the entry.

**Staff recommends approval of the project as submitted.** The proposed polished chrome storefront frame and door, although introducing a new material, retains the overall rhythm and architectural character of the building. The new aluminum awning/canopy is in keeping with the existing canopy and fits the opening as specified in the *Guidelines*. The proposed window decals are also minor changes to existing signage and are in keeping with the *Guidelines* (pages 71-73). The applicant must obtain zoning approval for the signage changes, if necessary.

In addition, staff finds that this 20<sup>th</sup> century structure is not a contributing part of the historic character of the Old and Historic District as it was not constructed during the period of significance for the structures in the District and is not of the architectural style of the historic structures in the district.

It is the assessment of staff that the application, as presented, 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.