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PUBLIC HEARING DATE

January 28, 2020

PROPERTY ADDRESS

1315 East Main Street

DISTRICT

Shockoe Slip

APPLICANT

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STAFF CONTACT

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Commission of Architectural Review

STAFF REPORT

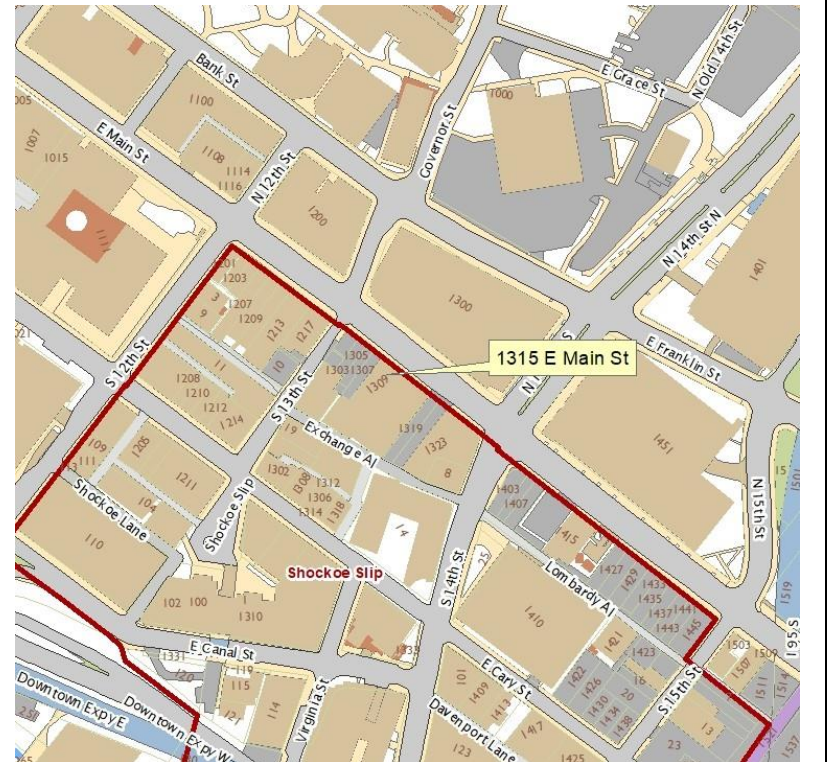


PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Alter existing storefront to include an ADA accessible entrance.

PROJECT DETAILS

- The applicant requests approval to install an ADA accessible entrance in the westernmost bay of the storefront of 1315 East Main Street, to accommodate a new tenant.
- 1309-1317 East Main Street has been renovated several times since the establishment of the Shockoe Slip City Old and Historic District, most recently in 2013. The storefronts were renovated in the 1980s.



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STAFF RECOMMENDATION

APPROVE

PREVIOUS REVIEWS

The Commission approved the renovation of the storefronts in 1984.

STAFF RECOMMENDED CONDITIONS

- None.

STAFF ANALYSIS

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When it is not possible to modify an existing entrance, a new entrance may be made, or an existing opening may be altered to create a new entrance.

The application explains why a modification to the existing door is not feasible. Photo documentation submitted with the application also demonstrates that the storefront is not historic construction. An illustration from 1893 further indicates that the current design likely did not exist historically. As the current design

is contemporary construction that does not reflect the historic design, staff recommends approval of the storefront modification as proposed.

It is the assessment of staff that 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. 1315 East Main Street, 2020



Figure 2. 1315 East Main Street, illustration from 'The City on the James', 1893.