

**COMMISSION OF ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW  
STAFF REPORT  
June 28, 2016 Meeting**

9. **CAR No. 16-100** (A. & A. Kean)

**507 North 28<sup>th</sup> Street  
Church Hill North Old and Historic District**

**Project Description:**

**Paint the body of a frame structure  
navy blue with ivory/cream trim.**

**Staff Contact:**

**M. Pitts**

The applicant requests approval to paint a Greek Revival style home in the Church Hill North Old and Historic District. The existing siding is painted a beige color. The applicant proposes to paint the siding a navy blue which is similar to Naval (#35) on the Commission's paint palette. The applicant proposes to paint the trim an ivory/cream color similar to White Hyacinth (#42) on the Commission's paint palette.

**Staff recommends partial approval of the project.** The *Richmond Old and Historic Districts Handbook and Design Review Guidelines* state that appropriate wall colors for Greek Revival style structures are white and pale natural colors (stone, gold, yellow, tan and gray) and appropriate trimwork colors are white, tan, dark greens, and grays (pg. 58). The applicant has provided examples of structures in the Old and Historic District which have been painted dark gray and blue colors. Staff has reviewed the properties provided and determined the painting was completed without review or approval by the Commission. As dark blue is an inappropriate color for the body of the structure, and ivory is an appropriate trim color; staff recommends denial of painting the body of the structure navy and approval of the proposed trim color.

It is the assessment of staff that the application is partially consistent with the Standards for Rehabilitation 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 pages cited above, adopted by the Commission for review of Certificates of Appropriateness under the same section of the code.