



CITY OF RICHMOND

DEPARTMENT OF  
PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT REVIEW  
PLANNING AND PRESERVATION DIVISION

31 May 2019

Re. 20 River Road, Richmond, VA

Dear Mr. Poole and Mr. Ebinger:

In April of 2018, City Planning and Preservation staff meet with the applicant and discussed alternatives to demolition which included adjusting the proposed lot lines to retain the building, and listing the property on the National Register in order to utilize Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credits.

There is a survey record for the property in the data base maintained by the Virginia Department of Historic Resources (DHR). The existing survey contains no historic information and a minimal architectural description. The City GIS record indicates a construction date of 1870.

Planning and Preservation staff respectfully requests, that the Planning Commission require that the applicant hire a consultant that meets the Secretary of the Interior's professional qualifications to prepare an intensive level survey of the property to be submitted for inclusion in DHR's database. This request is not intended to prevent or impede the demolition of the building. It is merely a request that a record of the building be created prior to demolition.

Documentation is a recognized preservation tool and should be a requirement when an application before the Planning Commission includes the demolition of a building over 100 years old.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kimberly M. Chen". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kimberly M. Chen  
Principal Planner