

**COMMISSION OF ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW  
STAFF REPORT  
June 27, 2017, Meeting**

9. **COA-018240-201** (2301 Monument LLC) **2031 Monument Avenue  
Monument Avenue Old and Historic District**

**Project Description:** **Install front yard fence.**

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

The applicant requests approval to install a wrought iron fence and a row of reclaimed brick on an existing concrete curb around the front yard of this Colonial Revival home in the Monument Avenue Old and Historic District. The total height of the fence would be 31 inches, the height of an existing hand railing. The applicant has also submitted three similar alternate designs.

**Staff recommends denial of the project.**

The applicant proposes to install a front-yard fence, to match an existing railing on the front porch of the structure, atop a row of reclaimed brick on an existing concrete curb. The *Guidelines* state that if not original to a site, new street-front fences, walls, and gates are not recommended. The applicant has submitted examples of other front yard fences within the district. However, staff has been unable to identify photographic or physical evidence of a front yard fence at the property. Based on the recommendation for front yard fences in the *Guidelines*, staff cannot recommend approval of the proposed fence.

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