



Commission of Architectural Review SUBMISSION APPLICATION

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12 COPIES OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION ARE REQUIRED FOR PROCESSING YOUR SUBMISSION

LOCATION OF WORK: 2306 E. GRACE STREET

DATE: 4/23/2014

OWNER'S NAME: JONATHAN & JEAN WIGHT

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CITY, STATE AND ZIP CODE RICHMOND, VA 23223

ARCHITECT/CONTRACTOR'S NAME: N/A

TEL. NO. _____

AND ADDRESS: _____

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CITY, STATE AND ZIP CODE _____

Would you like to receive your staff report via email? Yes No

REQUEST FOR CONCEPTUAL REVIEW

I hereby request Conceptual Review under the provisions of Chapter 114, Article IX, Division 4, Section 114-930.6(d) of the Richmond City Code for the proposal outlined below in accordance with materials accompanying this application. I understand that conceptual review is advisory only.

APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS

I hereby make application for the issuance of a certificate under the provisions of Chapter 114, Article IX, Division 4 (Old and Historic Districts) of the Richmond City Code for the proposal outlined below in accordance with plans and specifications accompanying this application.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED WORK (Required):

STATE HOW THE DESIGN REVIEW GUIDELINES INFORM THE DESIGN OF THE WORK

PROPOSED. (Include additional sheets of description if necessary, and 12 copies of artwork helpful in describing the project. The 12 copies are not required if the project is being reviewed for an administrative approval. See instruction sheet for requirements.)

- REFER TO ATTACHMENT -

"REPLACE FIRST FLIGHT OF BRICK STEPS WITH STONE TO MATCH FIRST STEP"

Signature of Owner or Authorized Agent: X Jean M Wight

Name of Owner or Authorized Agent (please print legibly): JEAN M. WIGHT

(Space below for staff use only)

Received by Commission Secretary

APPLICATION NO. 14-38

DATE 4/28/14 3:30 PM

SCHEDULED FOR 5/27/14

Note: CAR reviews all applications on a case-by-case basis.

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ATTACHMENT TO APPLICATION

(Wight)

2306 E. Grace Street

St. John's Church Old and Historic District

Project Description: Replace first flight of brick steps with stone to match first step

Proposal:

We will be repairing the brick walls and first flight of steps running to the street face of the property. [A photo of the steps and wall can be found on pg. 13 of the Handbook.] As we repair the side brick walls to our first flight of stairs, we ask for approval to replace five brick steps with solid stone to match the first step. This is a discrete change for inset steps to both obtain consistency in materials and longer term functional use.

Rationale:

Currently, the first step from the street level is of solid stone with five further steps of brick. Because of freeze and thaw patterns, the brick steps have proved: 1) hazardous, 2) impaired the structural integrity of side walls, and 3) have never been consistent with the first step of solid stone nor the original stone use on the property. Our request for solid stone replacement of five steps to match the first step is needed to plan the repair for the failing side walls of the staircase and prevent hazards for later owners.

Historic Materials:

The solid stone thresholds to both front doors are original to the construction of the property. In the 1950's a front facing brick wall was added, the front re-graded upwards from the sidewalk, and the first solid stone step put in place. For whatever reason (perhaps costs), the ensuing five steps up were not of solid stone to match the first, but instead made with side laid brick. None of these later efforts are original to the construction of the property in the 1810's when the street in front was otherwise graded. No "original materials" to the property will be removed by this request.

Consistency of Materials:

While the Guidelines do not specifically address the particularity of our request, the wider intent is supported by reference to:

1. Pg. 47, (#'s 2-3): "Fence, wall, or gate materials should relate to building materials commonly found in the neighborhood....and reflect the characteristics of the historic structures they surround."

We propose that the use of solid stone steps is both consistent with our own property, our personal street scape, and the District as a whole.

Respectfully submitted-

Jean and Jonathan Wight

