

**COMMISSION OF ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW
STAFF REPORT
March 28, 2017, Meeting**

3. **CAR No. 17-049** (L. Marek & P. Lockard) **718 North 27th Street**
Church Hill North Old and Historic District

Project Description: **Screen in existing rear porch
on new residence.**

Staff Contact: **C. Jeffries**

The applicant requests approval to install screening on an existing rear porch of a new single family home built in the Italianate style in the Church Hill North Old and Historic District.

Staff recommends approval of the project, with a condition. *The Richmond Old and Historic District Handbook and Design Review Guidelines* state that fundamental architectural features such as porches should not be radically altered (pg. 57, #9). Though details of the proposed screening were not provided, generally screening does not radically change the appearance or openness of a porch and is a relatively reversible change. In addition, the screening will be minimally visible from the public right of way due to an existing privacy fence. However, the appearance of the framing for the proposed screening was not provided, including the appearance of the proposed screen door. Staff recommends that the screening be installed behind the porch railing and columns and that the applicant submit a sketch or plans of the screening showing the configuration of the framing to staff for administrative review and approval.

It is the assessment of staff that the application, with the condition noted above, is consistent 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 page cited above, adopted by the Commission for review of Certificates of Appropriateness under the same section of the code.