

**COMMISSION OF ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW  
STAFF REPORT  
May 27, 2013, Meeting**

13. **CAR No. 14-44** (S. Pomajambo)

**404 N. Adams Street  
Jackson Ward Old and Historic District**

**Project Description:**

**Paint mural on the side of the building**

**Staff Contact:**

**W. Palmquist**

The applicant requests permission to paint a mural on the side of a previously-painted residential building located in the Jackson Ward Old and Historic District. The applicant proposes utilizing the entire southern façade for the mural, and has included examples of styles of proposed work. This side of the building faces a small parking lot which affords this façade a prominent view along this block.

**Staff recommends denial of the project.** The adopted mural guidelines note that murals may be permitted on commercial buildings, provided that certain guidelines are met. The applicant has proposed a mural at a residential building, which does not meet the guidelines. The entirety of this block of N. Adams Street is of multi and single-family residential use and very much retains the character of a single-family neighborhood. It is the assessment of staff that the application is not consistent with the Standards for Rehabilitation outlined in Section 114-930.7(b) of the City Code, nor is it consistent with the *Richmond Old and Historic Districts Handbook and Design Review Guidelines*, specifically the mural guidelines, adopted by the Commission for review of Certificates of Appropriateness under the same section of the code.