

**COMMISSION OF ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW
STAFF REPORT
July 24, 2018 Meeting**

11. **COA-037931-2018** (T. Griffin & R. Jefferson) **1816 West Grace Street
West Grace Street Old and Historic District**

Project Description: **Paint the front façade of a
previously painted brick home.**

Staff Contact: **C. Jeffries**

The applicant requests approval to paint the front façade of a structure in the West Grace Street Old and Historic District. The front façade of the brick structure is currently painted a light pink color. The applicant is proposing to paint this previously painted façade either Natural Choice (SW7011) or Ryegrass (SW6423).

Staff recommends denial of the project. The Paint Palette in the *Richmond Old and Historic Districts Handbook and Design Review Guidelines* notes that colors associated with the colors of natural brick are strongly encouraged. While the paint palette includes colors that resemble brown and yellow clay bricks including a light grey brown color, the proposed colors are not recommended for masonry as they are not a natural brick color. Staff recommends denial of the proposed light grey or sage green colors. The applicant may paint the structure the same color as it is currently painted without CAR review or a color from the paint palette for masonry structures which can be reviewed and approved administratively.

It is the assessment of staff that the application is not consistent with the Standards for Rehabilitation outlined in Sections 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.