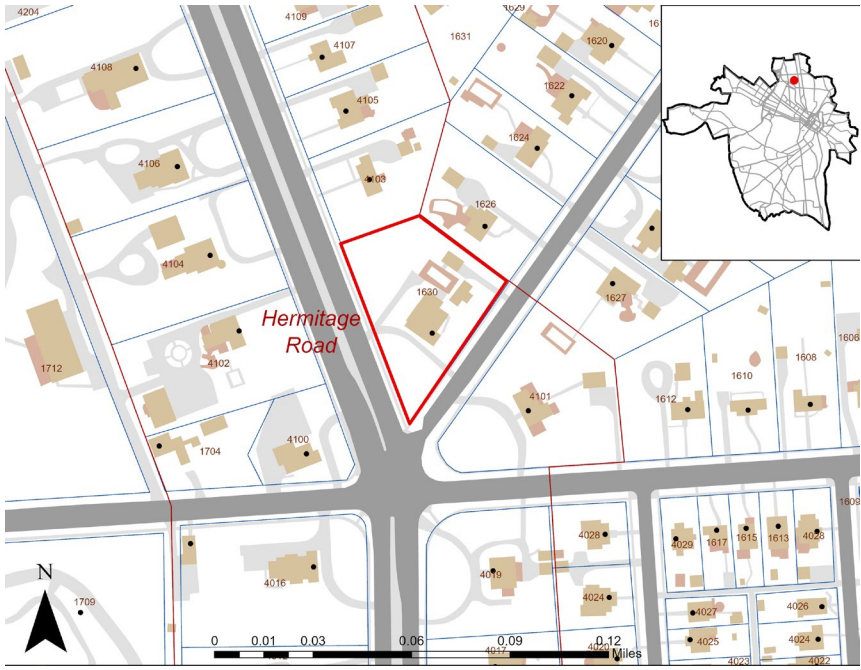




**Staff Report  
City of Richmond, Virginia**

**Commission of Architectural Review**

1. COA-147330-2024	<b>Final Review</b>	Meeting Date: 5/28/2024
Applicant/Petitioner	Bruce Shirley	
Project Description	Amendment to a previously approved garage addition.	
Project Location		
Address: 1630 Pope Avenue		
Historic District: Hermitage Road		
<p>High-Level Details:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This application is for an amendment to a previously approved garage addition that was presented to Commission in October 2022.</li> </ul> <p>The amendment request is specifically for the following items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The proposed addition be increased by five additional feet toward the side yard.</li> <li>The non-historic man and overhead doors windows will be removed and new doors will be installed in these openings.</li> </ul>		
Staff Recommendation	Approval, with Conditions	
Staff Contact	Annie Delaroderie, <a href="mailto:anne.delaroderie@rva.gov">anne.delaroderie@rva.gov</a> , 804-646-6335.	
Previous Reviews	<p>The Commission reviewed plans for this garage addition at the Commission of Architectural Review meeting in October 2022. One commissioner had a question about the color of the metal around the windows. The Commission approved the project with the condition that the northern façade be inset from the side of the existing northern wall plane; final window schedule be submitted for administrative approval; the windows and doors on the existing garage be retained and repaired as needed.</p> <p>In October and November 2020, the Commission of Architectural Review approved several exterior changes including the construction of a pool, pool house, porch enclosure and rear deck.</p>	
Conditions for Approval	<p>Staff recommends:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>applicant submit final specifications for the new windows and doors to staff for Administrative Review and Approval.</li> <li>Staff noted that the October 2022 Decision Letter mentioned having the northern façade be inset from the side of the existing northern wall plane. The inset should be more clearly labeled on the final plans, submitted with the permit.</li> </ul>	

## Staff Analysis

Guideline Reference	Reference Text	Analysis
New Construction: Doors and Windows, page 49.	<i>5. Original window and door surroundings should be retained. When selecting new doors and door surrounds, keep in mind that leaded, beveled or etched glass is rare in Richmond's City Old and Historic Districts, and is strongly discouraged and rarely permitted. Similarly, stamped or molded faux paneled doors are inappropriate substitutes for door types found in Richmond's Old and Historic Districts.</i>	The applicant confirmed that the new pedestrian door will be a full-light, dark bronze aluminum door to match the proposed aluminum framing system. The existing garage is heavily screened by a privacy fence and the primary dwelling. <u>Staff recommends final window and overhead door specifications be submitted to Staff for Administrative Review and Approval.</u>

*It is the assessment of staff that, with the conditions above, the application is consistent with the Standards for Rehabilitation and New Construction outlined in Section 30-930.7 (b) and (c) 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.*

## Figures



Figure 1. View of the façade of 1630 Pope Avenue, which faces Hermitage Road.



Figure 2. View of the southeast elevation of the garage, which is obscured behind a wooden fence.



Figure 3. View of the garage's southwest elevation, from Hermitage Road.



Figure 4. View of the garage's southwest elevation from the northwest corner of the property.

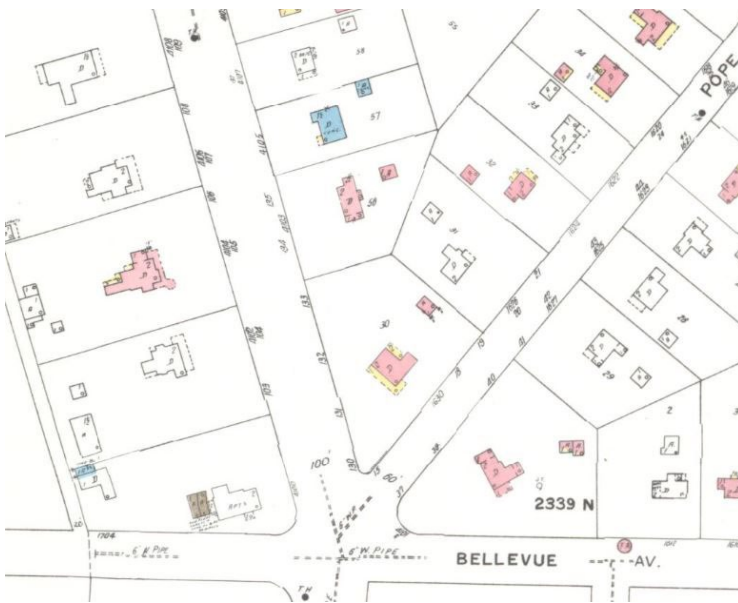


Figure 5. 1952 Sanborn Map of 1630 Pope Avenue.