

**COMMISSION OF ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW
STAFF REPORT
September 22, 2015 Meeting**

2. **CAR No. 15-121** (C. deTreville)

**412 North 25th Street
Church Hill North Old & Historic District**

Project Description: **Install storefront windows and door**

Staff Contact: **K. Chen**

The property, located in the Church Hill North Old and Historic District, is an Art Deco-style storefront constructed in 1938. The storefront was in-filled with brick in 1973. The applicant proposes to remove the brick in-fill and install storefront windows and doors. The new storefront will be recessed and align with the historic brick wall above. A photograph from the 1950s shows that there was no decorative lintel over the storefront and the area below the windows had a contrasting material.

The proposal is compatible with the Standards for New construction – Storefront Facades presented on page 46 of the *Richmond Old and Historic Districts Handbook and Design Review Guidelines*.

Staff recommends the approval of the project with a condition. A contrasting material should be used below the windows instead of matching the brick.

It is the assessment of staff that the application, with the acceptance of the above condition, is consistent with the Standards for Rehabilitation outlined in Section 114-930.7(b) 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. Staff recommends the conditional approval of the application as presented.