

**COMMISSION OF ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW
STAFF REPORT
December 15, 2015 Meeting**

2. **CAR No. 15-156** (Museum District, LLC) **2215 Monument Avenue**
Monument Avenue Old and Historic District

Project Description: **Remove walls to restore first floor rear porch.**

Staff Contact: **M. Pitts**

The applicant requests approval to remove lap siding at the rear of a multi-family structure in the Monument Avenue Old and Historic District to restore a first floor porch. The applicant proposes to install a wood railing to match the wood railing of the other balconies at the rear of the property.

Staff recommends approval of the project as submitted. The *Richmond Old and Historic Districts Handbook and Design Review Guidelines* state that porches should not be removed or radically changed (pg. 67, #4). Additionally, the Guidelines state that solid material should not be used for porch enclosures (pg. 67, #13). The existing porch enclosure was not an appropriate alteration to the historic porch as it radically altered the historic appearance of the porch. The applicant proposes to restore the historic appearance; and, therefore, staff recommends approval of this project.

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