COMMISSION OF ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW STAFF REPORT February 23, 2016, Meeting

8. CAR No. 16-027 (O. Oni)

3420 East Marshall Street Chimborazo Park Old and Historic District

Project Description:

Rehabilitate exterior of a home and enclose existing rear and side porch

Staff Contact:

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The applicant requests approval to rehabilitate the exterior of a home and enclose an existing rear and side porch in the Chimborazo Park Old and Historic District. The applicant states that the existing tin porch roof is deteriorated and beyond repair. Prior to 1970 (earliest photo located) the house was heavily altered including the installation of brick veneer over the wood siding and the installation of modern wrought iron porch posts and railing.

The applicant proposes to remove the brick veneer and replace the underlying deteriorated wood siding with smooth, un-beaded Hardie lap siding. The historic, hipped porch roof with a dentiled cornice and the brick piers will be retained. The concrete steps, and wrought iron posts and railing will removed and replaced with wooden steps, box columns and Richmond rail. The hipped front porch roof will be covered with new standing seam metal. The deck and underlying structure will be repaired and replaced in-kind as needed. New standing seam metal roofing will be installed on shallow gable roof over the main house, the one-story rear extension, and the shed-roofed side and rear porch. The majority of the windows are missing or in poor condition. They will be replaced with 2/2 (based on photographic evidence) true divided light wood windows that fit the existing openings. The one-story side and rear porch will be enclosed with shutters and windows over a board and batten base between existing vertical posts. A new door and steps will be added on the west side. The front concrete retaining wall will be reconstructed with concrete block with a brick veneer.

Staff recommends approval of the project with conditions. The proposed rehabilitation calls for the retention of the limited historic fabric that is still in places and for the in-kind replacement of those elements that are beyond repair which is consistent with the Standards for Rehabilitation contained on pages 55-67 of the *Richmond Old and Historic Districts Handbook and Design Review Guidelines.* Staff recommends the following conditions:

- Colors be submitted to staff for review and approval
- New metal roofing on the front porch roof be flat lock and the standing seam metal roof on the main dwelling, rear extension and side and rear porch have a low, narrow seam profile. Specifications for the new metal roof should be submitted to staff for review and approval.

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