

# City of Alexandria, Virginia

## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** FEBRUARY 20, 2019

**TO:** CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW

**FROM:** HISTORIC PRESERVATION STAFF

**SUBJECT:** SWANN-DAINGERFIELD HOUSE NATIONAL REGISTER NOMINATION

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An application to list the Swann-Daingerfield House, located at 712 Prince Street, on the Virginia Landmarks Register and the National Register of Historic Places will be reviewed by the Virginia State Review Board and Historic Resources Board on Thursday, March 21, 2019. As a Certified Local Government (CLG), the Board of Architectural Review is entitled to review and comment upon a draft National Register nomination and relay any comments or concerns to the Virginia Department of Historic Resources. The BAR's comments will be forwarded to the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) and the Boards will review the nomination and consider any comments made within the sixty-day comment period.

The Swann-Daingerfield House is located immediately behind the Alexandria Lyceum on the corner of Prince and South Columbus streets, one block west of the Washington Street. The building was initially constructed ca. 1800 and significantly added to several times. As described in the attached narrative, the City owned this building at when it was a nurse's domicile serving the Alexandria Hospital, formerly on Duke Street. It was sold to a private developer in the 1970s and converted to residential condominiums but the City retained an easement over the interior of the northwest corner unit, which contains a remarkable amount of high-style Greek Revival and Second Empire Victorian architectural detail.

### **Staff Recommendation**

Staff recommends that the BAR support the designation of this resource and find the Swann-Daingerfield House eligible for listing on the Virginia Landmarks Register and the National Register of Historic Places.

Attachment: *Swann-Daingerfield House National Register of Historic Places Registration Form (DRAFT)*. Heather N. McMahon, December 28, 2018.