

City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: SEPTEMBER 2, 2020

TO: CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE
BOARD OF ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW

FROM: HISTORIC PRESERVATION STAFF

SUBJECT: 315 NORTH ALFRED STREET (BAR2020-00365/00364)
UPDATES TO HISTORY SECTION AND STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

Since the publication of the September 2, 2020 docket, staff has determined that the house at 315 North Alfred Street may have been constructed prior to 1931. We would like to further investigate this new information using physical clues uncovered during the proposed new construction process. If the findings support an earlier construction date, the property's classification will be updated to an Early building: pre-1931. Staff requests that the Board direct staff to work with the applicant to confirm the existence of historic framing, preserve that framing, and base window size/locations on physical evidence uncovered during construction.

Staff has therefore updated the staff recommendations to include the following:

1. Proposed replacement window size, location and configuration to be determined by staff based on physical evidence uncovered in the field during construction;
2. All historic siding on the west and south elevation must be retained and repaired where possible, and;
3. If it is an Early building, the front (west) windows, door, and trim should be painted wood.