



# Commission of Architectural Review SUBMISSION APPLICATION

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LOCATION OF WORK: 2000 EAST BROAD

DATE: AUGUST 28, 2012

OWNER'S NAME: NEW LIGHT BAPTIST CHURCH

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## REQUEST FOR CONCEPTUAL REVIEW



I hereby request Conceptual Review under the provisions of Chapter 114, Article IX, Division 4, Section 114-930.6(d) of the Richmond City Code for the proposal outlined below in accordance with materials accompanying this application. I understand that conceptual review is advisory only.

## APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS



I hereby make application for the issuance of a certificate under the provisions of Chapter 114, Article IX, Division 4 (Old and Historic Districts) of the Richmond City Code for the proposal outlined below in accordance with plans and specifications accompanying this application.

## DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED WORK (Required):

### STATE HOW THE DESIGN REVIEW GUIDELINES INFORM THE DESIGN OF THE WORK

**PROPOSED.** (Include additional sheets of description if necessary, and 12 copies of artwork helpful in describing the project. See instruction sheet for requirements.)

OWNER REQUIRES PARKING AND FRONT ELEVATOR.  
WIDTH OF LOT REQUIRES ONE WAY TRAFFIC FLOW  
OWNER DESIRES WEDDINGS AND FUNERALS TO BE  
DIGNIFIED WITH GOOD SENSE OF PLACE.  
VA. DEPT OF HISTORIC RESOURCE WAS REVIEWED AND  
APPROVED GENERAL CONCEPT. MASSING SET BACK  
PROVIDED PER INITIAL ZONING.

Signature of Owner or Authorized Agent: X

Name of Owner or Authorized Agent (please print legibly):

LAWRENCE WILLIAMS

(Space below for staff use only)

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DATE

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**TO: COMMISSION OF ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW  
FROM: NEW LIGHT BAPTIST CHURCH  
September 25, 2012 Meeting**

**2000 E. Broad Street  
Shockoe Valley Old and Historic District  
Existing Historic Church**

**Project Description: New 3 Story Additions/Annex with Level 1 Parking**

The New Light Baptist Church requests approval to make improvements to an existing adjacent parking lot at this property located within the Shockoe Valley Old and Historic District. The Church proposes to construct a three story addition connected to the existing church per appropriate guidelines. The design attempts to conform to the Old and Historic District Design Guidelines.

Working with Our Design Committee, New Light Baptist Church requires the critical design elements be included:

1. New administrative and classroom space.
2. A primary concern was the addition of an elevator to reach the sanctuary level meeting ADA requirements without impacting the Historic Church Structure. An elevator at the front of the site was required to provide a dignified approach to the sanctuary for Services, Weddings and Funerals.
3. Parking had to be maintained on the site. The Queue of vehicles was important during these services. The width of the existing lot required one way traffic flow inside new covered parking. The massing of the structure is set back from the busy Broad Street Corridor with recessed entry conditions hidden in shadow below the administrative and classroom floors.

Only 3 windows are proposed along the east property line. West wall windows are proportioned to match existing church windows. The rear North alley wall consists of one large 4 section window with centered cross above a garage door.

No new construction was possible at the rear of the existing sanctuary because of the existing Historic Church Annex.

The proposed Building Massing with 13 foot, 22 foot and 24 foot bays respects guidelines for new structures. Window openings in the new masonry walls are similar in size/detail to the existing church with arched tops. A new front masonry link wall with arched window between the new building and the original church was provided to reduce noise and solar gain instead of a full glass wall.

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The cornice in precast concrete shall be further studied. Masonry, brick texture, recesses in a color matching the church shall be a light tan color similar to new construction along Broad Street. Also matching the existing church painted brick and stucco.

Preliminary reviews at early design stages were obtained from City Zoning and CAR Staff before submittal.

The exterior existing church drawings were researched at the Virginia Department of Historical Resources and were acceptable in massing and intent by review staff relative to maintaining the existing Historic Church tax credit and federal guidelines. It was recommended that the existing church establish the new addition set back. Also no demolition or changes to the existing rear annex. The metal railings at the new front third floor level shall be solid metal matching the metal at the base of the existing steeple. The window massing was deemed appropriate.

The City Guidelines note that the more public the site features, the more strongly compatible design will be encouraged (pg. 66). The existing east parking lot is now covered and screened as well as recessed in shadow. Other improvements to the site include a landscaped, ADA compatible, entry plaza. There are no plans to improve or change the existing signage or church exterior structure. The proposed structure and other improvements generally adhere to the Standards for Site Improvements outlined on pages 66 and 67 of the *Richmond Old and Historic Districts Handbook and Design Review Guidelines*. The *Guidelines* encourages the use of vegetation to screen parking lots and to enhance the streetscape (pg. 66 #8, pg. 67 #1).

Review and approval of the type of roof cornice, landscaping, brick and pavers intended for use along the front facade shall be presented at a later date.

New Light Baptist Church feels this proposal is consistent 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.

New Light Baptist Church is pleased with the design input provide by the Commission and this design approach. The Church wishes to resolve a project scope that will compliment and serve the adjacent growing community.

THANK YOU