



Community Development  
Department

## **STAFF REPORT**

<b>Meeting Date:</b>	April 25, 2024
<b>Agenda Title:</b>	COA 24-8 – 40 Culpeper Street/29 Ashby Street
<b>Requested Action:</b>	Retroactive review of installation of set of two sets of metal, double-doors at the Fauquier County Circuit Court Building.
<b>Department / Agency Lead:</b>	Community Development
<b>Staff Lead:</b>	Casey Squyres, Historic Preservation Planner

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The Applicant is requesting retroactive approval of the installation of two sets of full metal, double doors to the in-set entryways fronting W. Lee Street and the Fauquier County Administration/Warren Green Building.

- 1) The previous doors that have already been removed were glass doors. Fauquier County installed the new full-metal doors for courthouse security purposes.
- 2) The previous and the new doors all measure 30" x 70" in dimension.

## BACKGROUND

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This new courthouse building was constructed in c.1974 to replace the old courthouse building, which is located on a different site. It is in good condition. Octagonal windows were added to the octagonal sections of the building sometime post-1983. Otherwise, the building largely retains integrity. Although this Neo-Eclectic building is unique and is representative of resource types from that time period, its character is vastly different than other institutional building types seen throughout the district. However, the building is significant under Criterion A for Law and Politics/Government. Furthermore, it contributes to the development history of the district. Although constructed outside the period of significance, and therefore non-contributing, it could be contributing in the future.



## DESIGN GUIDELINE CONSIDERATIONS

Historic District Guideline	Page No.	Analysis
<b>B. WINDOWS &amp; DOORS</b>		
5. If using the same kind of material is not technically feasible, then a compatible substitute material may be considered, especially on the side or rear façades when minimally visible from the street. All replacement materials must fit the original opening without alteration. Replacement doors on the side or rear façade, when minimally visible from a public right-of-way, may be wood or paneled steel. Substitute materials will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.	3.21	The original doors were glass, which offered limited security through these two entryways. The glass doors were removed and replaced with solid metal doors. Each entryway is obscured from public street view. The original openings and door surrounds were not altered in any way.
7. Design new windows, doors, and other elements to be compatible with the original building.	3.21	The applicant has illustrated within the application that the doors will be located on the side elevation and therefore will not impact the primary façade. The doors are metal and are reasonably compatible with the existing building.
8. Construct a new door or window when the historic feature is completely missing. It may be an accurate restoration using historical, pictorial, and physical documentation, or be a new design that is compatible with the size, scale, material, and color of the historic building. New windows and doors should also be compatible with the historic character and use of the building.	3.21	The doors are metal and are in a style compatible with the existing 1970s building.

## STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends retro-active approval of the installation of two sets of metal double doors to the in-set entryways fronting W. Lee Street and the Fauquier County Administration/Warren Green Building at 40 Culpeper Street/29 Ashby Street provided the following conditions are met:

- 1) All necessary permits are acquired.

2) Any additional changes or alterations to the exterior elements of the building will require the submission of a Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) and the review and approval of the Architectural Review Board prior to any work being undertaken.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

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1. Attachment 1 – Photos
2. Attachment 2 – Draft Motion Sheet