### HISTORIC AND DESIGN REVIEW COMMISSION February 07, 2018

**HDRC CASE NO:** 2018-042

**ADDRESS:** 231 ADAMS ST

**LEGAL DESCRIPTION:** NCB 942 BLK 1 LOT 8

**ZONING:** RM-4, HS

CITY COUNCIL DIST.: 1

**DISTRICT:** King William Historic District **LANDMARK:** Schulze, Carl - House #2

APPLICANT: Leonardo Abad OWNER: Leonardo Abad

**TYPE OF WORK:** Installation of light pole in backyard

**APPLICATION RECEIVED:** January 18, 2018 **60-DAY REVIEW:** March 17, 2018

**REQUEST:** 

The applicant is requesting a Certificate of Appropriateness for approval to install a metal light pole featuring adjustable height in rear yard.

#### **APPLICABLE CITATIONS:**

5. Architectural Features: Lighting

B. ALTERATIONS (REHABILITATION, RESTORATION, AND RECONSTRUCTION)

iii. *New light fixtures*—Avoid damage to the historic building when installing necessary new light fixtures, ensuring they may be removed in the future with little or no damage to the building. Place new light fixtures and those not historically present in locations that do not distract from the façade of the building while still directing light where needed. New light fixtures should be unobtrusive in design and should not rust or stain the building.

#### **FINDINGS:**

- a. The structure at 231 Adams, also known as the Schulze House, is a two-story brick structure featuring Folk Victorian architectural elements and was constructed in 1891. The backyard features predominantly a natural lawn, as well as a one-story garage structure and a few trees. A basketball half-court featuring a concrete slab was approved administratively on January 18, 2018.
- b. LIGHT The applicant has proposed to install a light pole featuring an adjustable height, a square column, and a rectangular lamp of metal material. Per Guidelines for Site Elements 5.B.iii, staff finds that the design of the light is obtrusive to the character of the property. However, staff finds that the proposed location and installation of the light pole appropriate and that a lamp featuring a traditional configuration and materials would be compatible with this property.

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff does not recommend approval of the light installation based on finding b. The request is eligible for administrative approval if the applicant submits a light pole/lamp design that is compatible with the property and does not feature a height or luminosity that creates light pollution for neighboring properties.

#### **CASE MANAGER:**

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## 231 Adams

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