

ART AND ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD (AARB)

Project Data Sheet

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(Due by 3:00 p.m. on the Friday two weeks before the meeting to AARB@dgs.virginia.gov)

Date Submitted: 05/18/2026

Agency Name: Old Dominion University

Project Name, Number, and Location

Project Number – 221-B6221-000

Project Name – 1542 49th St Demo

Number/Code- 118

Location – 1542 49th St Norfolk (710)

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Current Project Status/Phase and Schedule [** must select one of the following*]

- Preliminary Design Submission:
- Final Design Submission:

(*Status/Phase = Schematic, etc. Schedule - next milestone date*)

Request for Consent Agenda: Yes: No:

* Please refer to the *AARB Agency Project Submission and Presentation Guidelines* – Project Submission Section for additional information and guidance on the Consent Agenda versus Regular Agenda.

PLEASE NOTE: If you did not check the box for Consent Agenda, your project will be posted on the Regular Agenda and the agency will be required to attend the meeting to make a presentation to the board on the day of the meeting. ***Presentations are not to exceed 15 minutes.***

Project Description

We wish to demolish the property located at 1542 49th St. Norfolk. The 1,838 square foot, one and a half story, wood frame house with asbestos siding sits on a crawl space and has a gable roof was built in 1941. This house has been unused for several years and has fallen into a state of disrepair. Old Dominion Division of Administration has inspected the property and suggests “demolition and site stabilization would be a more prudent use of university resources than continued investment in a severely deteriorated residential structure”. The area will be fine graded and seeded.

Architectural Aesthetic:

The house is in a state of disrepair. The observed conditions present a credible and foreseeable risk of structure/component failure (leaking roof, structural supports), sagging floors and unstable walking surfaces (porch), creating credible injury risk to anyone approaching or entering the structure.

Relationship to Approved Master Plan

The demolition of this property aligns with the ODU 2025 Master Plan in that it will add to the much-needed open green space. ODU is a compact urban campus, and open spaces support both the academic and social environment of the University.

Existing Architectural Context

The property sits directly across the street from campus in the Larchmont neighborhood. Larchmont contains approximately 2,300 homes, mostly occupied by single family owners. Most homes were built in the early 20th century. The dominant style is Colonial Revival with a mix of Victorian, Craftsman, and new construction. This property holds no historic significance in Larchmont.

AARB History (for return presentations on the same project): [** this section must contain information for Board review, do not leave blank / if this section does not apply to your project, please indicate with N/A*]

N/A

- State when previous presentation(s) were made to the Board on the project.
- Restate previous Board comments.
- Show actions taken to address Board comments; use visuals to compare previous renderings with updates.



