

**HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION**  
**JANUARY 23, 2012**  
**APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS**  
**C14H-2009-0045**  
**Brady House**  
**1601 Pearl Street**

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**PROPOSAL**

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Paint existing brick masonry.

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**PROJECT SPECIFICATIONS**

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The applicant proposes to paint the existing brick masonry on the house. The existing masonry appears to have been stuccoed at some time as the now-exposed brick is chipped, spalled, and has a rough, unsealed texture, indicative of having been covered with stucco. There are large areas of rough stucco or mortar on the surface of the many of the bricks.

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**STANDARDS FOR REVIEW**

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The Commission's Standards for Review of applications for Certificates of Appropriateness include:

- Do not destroy the distinguishing original qualities or character of a building, structure, or site and its environment. Avoid the removal or alteration of any historic material or distinctive architectural features.
- Recognize all buildings, structures, and sites as products of their own time. Do not construct alterations which have no historical basis and which seek to create an earlier appearance.
- Changes which have taken place over time are evidence of the history and development of a building, structure, or site and its environment. Recognize and respect the changes, which may have acquired significance in their own right.
- Clean the surface of structures with the gentlest means possible. Do not undertake sandblasting and other cleaning methods that will damage the historic building materials.

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**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS**

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Not reviewed.

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**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

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Staff generally recommends against painting masonry for the attendant problems of moisture retention and spalling. The brick on this house has been severely damaged and will continue to deteriorate if not sealed, so it appears that painting the brick could be a viable option. However, staff recommends further investigation into historic photographs or any other evidence of the original finish on this house; if it was indeed stuccoed, then staff recommends restoration of the stucco finishes over painting the brick.





