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Northeast Residential Historic District, Part 1 ad valorem tax exemption application (B)

Petition HP-20-3. Joyce E. Bono, owner. Ad valorem tax exemption for construction of masonry walls on the east and north property lines with a fence on the northeast corner, add awnings on the front and rear, reconstruct a freestanding garage, and interior remodeling for an existing single-family dwelling. Located at 719 NE 5th Street. This building is contributing to the Northeast Residential Historic District. Related to Petition HP-18-00107.

Project Description

The existing structure is the Lewis House, a one-story single family house with a flat roof and parapet on concrete block stucco walls, located at 719 NE 5th Street. There is a chimney located on the exterior front elevation with a tile cap and stucco covering. Ornamental exterior features include a porched head door and doorway and a car portal. The c. 1926 house is a Mediterranean Revival house of approximately 1,473 square feet that represents a typical Gainesville dwelling of the 1920's. The contributing garage structure in the southeast corner of the property was damaged by a fallen oak tree during Hurricane Irma in 2017. The previous owner received a Certificate of Appropriateness in May of 2018 for a partial demolition of the garage, including all of the roof, and the south and west walls. There was preservation of an archway between the garage and the house and the north and east walls were lowered to waist height.

The project includes the addition of masonry walls on the north and east property lines, including a wood fence adjacent to a large tree at the northeast property corner. Both the wall and fence will be 8 feet in height. The reconstruction of the freestanding garage will occur on the southeast corner of the lot with a request to modify the south and east side setback. The project includes the installation of a metal bracket to support a tile roof awning over the front entrance area. Also on the front elevation will be the installation of a fabric awning to be placed over the front window. There will also be a metal roof installed over the rear porch and the French doors on the rear elevation of the house.

Staff to the Historic Preservation Board:

Staff recommends approval of HP-19-104 for a "Part 1" ad valorem tax exemption based on the following:

1. The property is an eligible property because it is a contributing structure and
2. The proposed improvements are eligible.