

City of Gainesville

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Reroof a single-family dwelling with a metal roof and remove a chimney (B)

<u>Petition HP-21-34.</u> Carson James, agent for Thomas G. & Nicole M. Reno. Certificate of Appropriateness to reroof an existing single-family dwelling with a metal roof and remove a chimney. Located at 1021 NE 5th Terrace. This building is contributing to the Northeast Residential Historic District.

Project Description

The existing house is a two-story, brick and wood frame Colonial Revival house which features a pedimented portico supported on paired Doric columns and pilasters. A sun porch on the south elevation has been enclosed. The building has weatherboard siding, a continuous pilastered brick foundation, a gable roof with asbestos Dutch lap shingles, a secondary roof structure for the portico with a gable, and double hung 8/8 wood windows. According to the Florida Master Site File AL02194, the house had one brick chimney; this chimney is located on the south exterior wall. However, currently there are two chimneys located on the house and part of this request is to remove the secondary chimney located on the rear center slope.

The applicant is requesting the removal of the existing roofing, asbestos, and the architectural shingles and replace them with a 26 gauge Charcoal "TCM-LOK" standing seam metal roofing system from Tri County Metals. The proposal also includes a request to remove an existing chimney that lies on the center rear slope of the house, not original to the building and is visible from the right-of-way, although not in a prominent way. The main chimney that is a prominent feature of the historic house is to remain. The secondary chimney has no more functional use. There is no existing mantle on the interior. The applicants believe that the chimney was used as an exhaust vent for a furnace.

Roofs are a highly visible component of historic buildings and are an integral part of a building's overall design and architectural style. The Historic Preservation Board discussed and adopted a policy on April 2, 2013 concerning styles of metal roofing which would be allowed within the historic districts. The Historic Preservation Board approves metal roofing on a case-by-case basis depending on the style and use of the building. Recommended metal roofing for most buildings in the historic district is a 5-V crimp or standing seam metal, as spacing of these roofs is more sympathetic with historic metal roofs, and exposed fasteners are not as numerous or visible.

As indicated in the guidelines, removal of existing chimneys is discouraged. Removal of historic or architectural roofing features should be avoided, if possible. An interior photo of the house indicates that there is no interior chimney space as it has been closed in and walled over. The chimney was intended to vent a furnace or a small stove but it no longer has working interior applications.

Staff recommends approval of the reroof and the request to remove the chimney as proposed in the application.