

**COMMISSION OF ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW
STAFF REPORT
August 26, 2014 Meeting**

5. **CAR No. 14-081** (S. & D. Johnson)

**516 W. 19th St
Spring Hill Old and Historic District**

Project Description:

Replace storm-damaged roof-finial

Staff Contact:

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The applicant requests approval for the replacement of a roof-finial which was badly damaged in a storm and is unable to be repaired. The replacement roof-finial would be located in the same location as the original. The proposed replacement roof-finial is the "Gawain Finial with Square Cap," which is 48" in height.

Staff recommends approval of the project with a condition. While the *Richmond Old and Historic Districts Handbook and Design Review Guidelines* do not explicitly address roof-finials, it generally advises that replacement building elements be similar in design, scale, and materials. The proposed replacement roof-finial is a simple design with similar scale and proportions as the original roof-finial. Staff recommends that the original finial be kept on site in the event that it may one day be repaired.

It is the assessment of staff that the application, with the condition above, is consistent with the Standards for Rehabilitation outlined in Section 114-930.7(b) of the City Code, as well as with the *Richmond Old and Historic Districts Handbook and Design Review Guidelines*, specifically the page cited above, adopted by the Commission for review of Certificates of Appropriateness under the same section of the code.