

**COMMISSION OF ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW
STAFF REPORT
October 28, 2014 Meeting**

4. **CAR No. 14-114** (J. D'Angelo)

**16 W. Leigh Street
Jackson Ward Old and Historic District**

Project Description: **Repair roof and replace metal shingles**

Staff Contact: **W. Palmquist**

The applicant requests approval to remove the existing metal roof and built-in gutter system from the front mansard roof and replace with pre-painted metal shingles and a copper gutter system. The existing metal roof is painted white and in need of repair and replacement. The applicant proposes replacing the roof with a metal pre-painted 9"x12" "Berridge Victorian Shingle," in "zinc grey." A new 16 oz. copper gutter system will also be installed as part of the project. The proposed new metal shingle have the same dimensions as existing, with a pattern that is reminiscent of the existing shingles.

Staff recommends approval of the project. The *Richmond Old and Historic Districts Handbook and Design Review Guidelines* emphasizes on page 56 the importance of maintaining a historic roof in order to protect the rest of the structure from being exposed to the elements. The new metal roof will match very closely the appearance and character of the existing roof. The gray color of the proposed shingles will more closely match the slate shingles on the mansard roof at the adjacent property as well.

It is the assessment of staff that the application 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 pages cited above, adopted by the Commission for review of Certificates of Appropriateness under the same section of code.