

#### Planning, Zoning and Building Department

#### **BOARD ACTION REPORT - APPEALABLE ITEM**

Project Name: 701 SE 1<sup>st</sup> Street Project Location: 701 SE 1<sup>st</sup> Street

Request: Certificate of Appropriateness Board: Historic Preservation Board

Meeting Date: March 7, 2017

#### **Board Action:**

Approved Certificate of Appropriateness, on a 7 to 0 vote.

#### **Project Description:**

The subject property is located on the northeast corner of SE 1<sup>st</sup> Street and SE 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue. The structure is classified as contributing to the Marina Historic District, both on the Local and National Register of Historic Places. The 0.13 acre property is zoned Multiple Family Residential (RM) and contains a residential structure which the Delray Beach Building Card record notes as being constructed in 1925.

The subject request includes replacement of the existing roof which is a three dimensional, asphalt shingle and with a cedar wood shake roof in a "thatch" pattern.

Staff supported the Certificate of Appropriateness.

#### **Board Comments:**

The Board comments were supportive.

#### **Public Comments:**

No members of the public spoke for or against the project.

**Associated Actions:** All required actions were taken.

**Next Action**: HPB action is final.

# HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD CITY OF DELRAY BEACH ---STAFF REPORT---

**MEETING DATE:** March 7, 2017

ITEM: 701 SE 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Marina Historic District (2017-102) - Certificate of

Appropriateness for replacement of the roof for a contributing structure.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve.

#### **GENERAL DATA:**

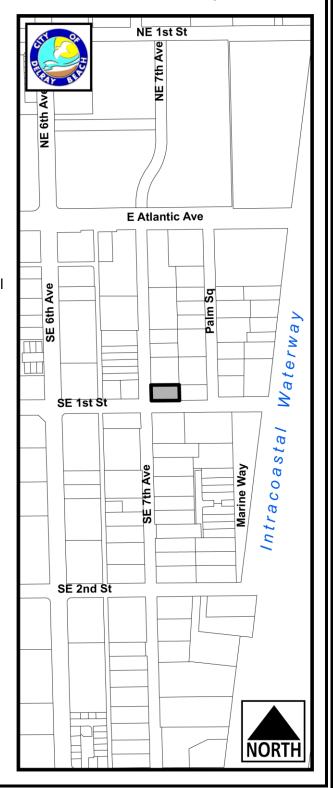
Northeast corner of SE 1<sup>st</sup> Street and SE 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue

Zoning District...... Multiple - Family Residential

(RM)

Adjacent Zoning: North: RM

East: RM South: RM West: RM



#### ITEM BEFORE THE BOARD

The item before the Board is the consideration of a Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) for a roof material change on the contributing structure, located at **701 SE 1**<sup>st</sup> **Street, Marina Historic District**, pursuant to LDR Section 2.4.6(H).

#### **BACKGROUND & PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

The subject property is located on the northeast corner of SE 1<sup>st</sup> Street and SE 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue. The property is classified as contributing to the Marina Historic District, both on the Local and National Register of Historic Places. The Delray Beach Building Card record notes the home as being constructed in 1925.

The Florida Master Site File form explains that "this residence represents a style popular in the Florida Land Boom era of the 1920's and illustrates the development history of the area" and the home is noted as Frame Vernacular in style. Staff notes that the structure possesses pointed arches and steep gables which are elements of a Carpenter Gothic architectural influence, an architectural style which adapted Gothic elements to American light-frame construction. A photograph provided by the owner indicates the original structure to have possessed an additional steeply pitched gable at the entrance to the home as well as what appears to be a pitched roof over the existing roof on the east side of the structure. This would be logical given the cross-gabled design of the existing roof.

The Florida Master Site File notes that the structure was original to its site; however, the applicant believes the structure was relocated from Boca Raton in 1935. Staff notes that the structure does not appear in its location on the 1926 Sanborn Map even though Delray Beach building permit records note its construction to have occurred in 1925, the structure then appears on the 1949 Sanborn Map in its current footprint. For recording purposes, it is recommended that further research be completed by the applicant to document the structure's history and whether or not it was moved.

The existing roof material consists of a three dimensional, asphalt shingle and the subject request proposes a roof material change to cedar wood shake in a "thatch" pattern.

Roof replacement is typically approved administratively when the same material is proposed, and, when deemed appropriate by Staff, a new material is proposed. Due to the nature of the proposal, with the "thatch" pattern of the proposed cedar wood shake roof, Staff feels the request requires approval by the Historic Preservation Board.

#### **ANALYSIS**

Pursuant to LDR Section 2.4.6(H)(5), prior to approval, a finding must be made that any Certificate of Appropriateness which is to be approved is consistent with Historic Preservation purposes pursuant to Objective A-4 of the Land Use Element of the Comprehensive Plan and specifically with provisions of Section 4.5.1, the Delray Beach Historic Preservation Design Guidelines, and the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation.

The subject request has been reviewed accordingly.

Pursuant to LDR Section 4.5.1(E), Development Standards, all new development or exterior improvements on individually designated historic properties and/or properties located within historic districts shall, comply with the goals, objectives, and policies of the Comprehensive Plan, the Delray Beach Historic Preservation Design Guidelines, the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation, and the Development Standards of this Section. Relief from Subsections (1) through (9) below may be granted by seeking a waiver approvable by the Historic Preservation Board, unless otherwise stated.

The applicable Development Standards are specified below and analyzed accordingly.

Pursuant to LDR Section 4.5.1(E)(4), Alterations, in considering proposals for alterations to the exterior of historic buildings and structures and in applying development and preservation standards, the documented, original design of the building may be considered, among other factors.

The design and details of the original structure have been considered for the roof material change, as indicated further in this report.

Pursuant to LDR Section 4.5.1(E)(5), Standards and Guidelines, a historic site, building, structure, improvement, or appurtenance within a historic district shall only be altered, restored, preserved, repaired, relocated, demolished, or otherwise changed in accordance with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation, and the Delray Beach Historic Preservation Design Guidelines, as amended from time to time.

The applicable Standards are noted below:

#### **Standard 2**

The historic character of a property shall be retained and preserved. The removal of historic materials or alteration of features and spaces that characterize a property shall be avoided.

The original Building Cards for the subject structure indicate that a composition shingle roof was used as the original roofing material; however, pattern and material of the original composition shingle is not listed. There exists no further documentation as to the appearance of the roof material which would have been historic to the structure.

The applicant proposes a new, western, red, cedar wood shake roof utilizing a "thatch" pattern. The applicant notes in his request that other cedar wood shake roofs (in a traditional pattern) have been approved by HPB for other properties within the Marina Historic District, including:

- 49 Palm Square
- 73 Palm Square
- 55 SE 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue (property immediately to the north)

Further, the applicant notes that his "Cottage has a very unusual roof in that it is at a slope of 12:12...very uncommon in South Florida." Because of this slope, he is seeking approval to install the new system in a pattern referred to as "thatch" noting that it is a more organic and artistic approach to the aesthetic than the standard system seen on the projects listed above.

Staff notes, that a variety of shingle patterns were utilized in the 1920's including the "thatch" pattern as well as a fish scale pattern and a diamond pattern. A diamond patterned shingle roof was utilized on the roof of the Cornell Museum building (formerly the Delray Elementary

School). While this example is not a composition roofing material, it does demonstrate the use of a variety of shingle textures and patterns used during the land boom of the 1920's.

Historically, the "thatch" roof style was adapted from English thatch roofs according to Preservation Brief 19 on the Secretary of the Interior's website. The Brief states the following regarding the thatch roof style: "with the popularity of the revival of historic styles in the late 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> centuries, a new technique was developed to imitate English thatch roofs."

The "thatch" patterned cedar wood shake roof is a style that would impart a special character to the dramatic roof pitch of the subject cottage. Also, this was a type of roof that would have been utilized for a similar architectural style built during the time period the subject structure was constructed, since the roof style was popularized during the turn of the century.

Pursuant to LDR Section 4.5.1(E)(8), Visual Compatibility Standards, new construction and all improvements to both contributing and noncontributing buildings, structures and appurtenances thereto within a designated historic district or on an individually designated property shall be visually compatible. In addition to the Zoning District Regulations, the Historic Preservation Board shall apply the visual compatibility standards provided for in this Section with regard to height, width, mass, scale, façade, openings, rhythm, material, color, texture, roof shape, direction, and other criteria set forth elsewhere in Section 4.5.1. Visual compatibility for minor and major development as referenced in Section 4.5.1(E)(2) shall be determined by utilizing criteria contained in (a)-(m) below. Visual compatibility for all development on individually designated properties outside the district shall be determined by comparison to other structures within the site.

(g) Relationship of Materials, Texture, and Color: The relationship of materials, texture, and color of the facade of a building and/or hardscaping shall be visually compatible with the predominant materials used in the historic buildings and structures within the subject historic district.

The proposal to install a thatch patterned cedar wood shake roof on the contributing structure can be considered appropriate with the subject structure, as the texture is similar to the structures original composition shingle roof. The proposed roof would be visually compatible with surrounding structures, specifically the structure to the north which has a new cedar wood shake roof in a traditional pattern. It is the "thatch" pattern that provides for variety in appearance.

The installation of this roof type, will not alter the historic character as this was a roofing material and pattern that was utilized in the time period for which the structure was built.

Based on the above, positive findings can be made for the proposed roof type with respect to the LDR Section 4.5.1(E)(8), Visual Compatibility Standards.

#### **ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS**

- A. Continue with direction.
- B. Approve the Certificate of Appropriateness (2017-102) for **701 SE 1**<sup>st</sup> **Street, Marina Historic District**, based on positive findings with respect to the Land Development Regulations, the Delray Beach Historic Preservation Design Guidelines, and the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation subject to conditions.

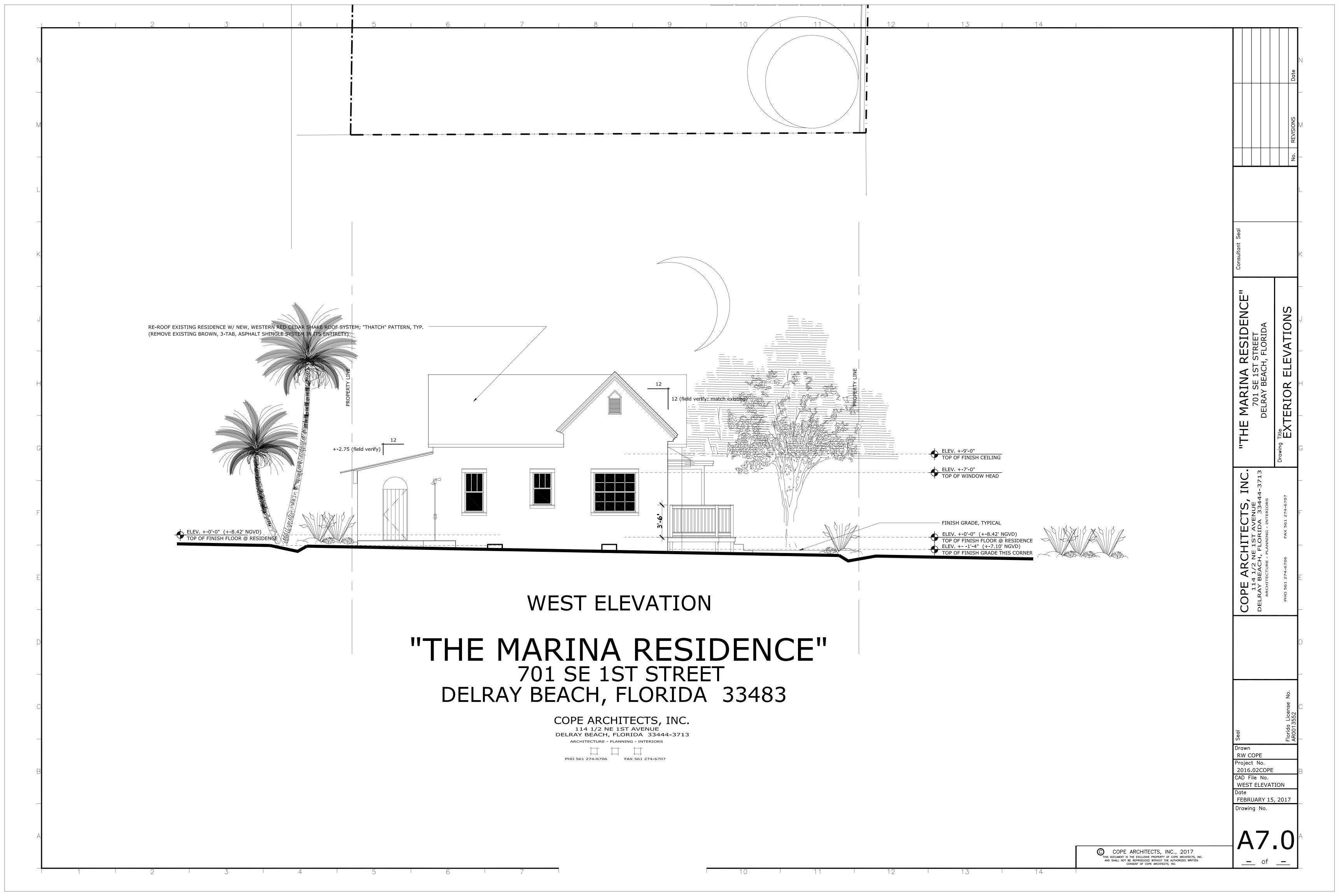
C. Deny the Certificate of Appropriateness (2017-102) for **701 SE 1**<sup>st</sup> **Street, Marina Historic District**, based upon a failure to make positive findings with respect to the Land Development Regulations, the Delray Beach Historic Preservation Design Guidelines, and the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation.

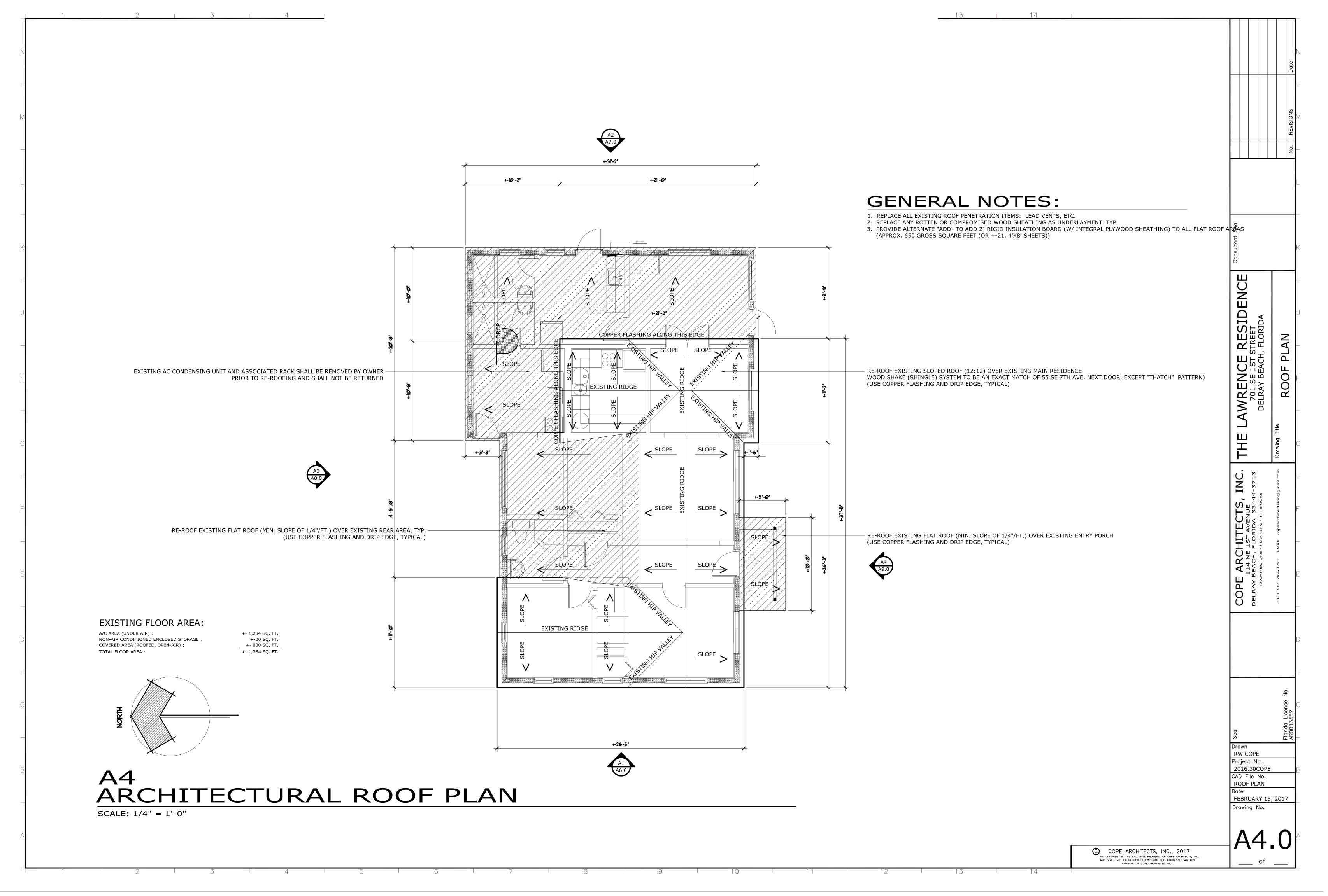
#### **RECOMMENDATION**

Approve the Certificate of Appropriateness (2017-102) for a roof replacement on the structure located at **701 SE 1**<sup>st</sup> **Street, Marina Historic District**, based on positive findings with respect to the Land Development Regulations, the Delray Beach Historic Preservation Design Guidelines, and the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation.

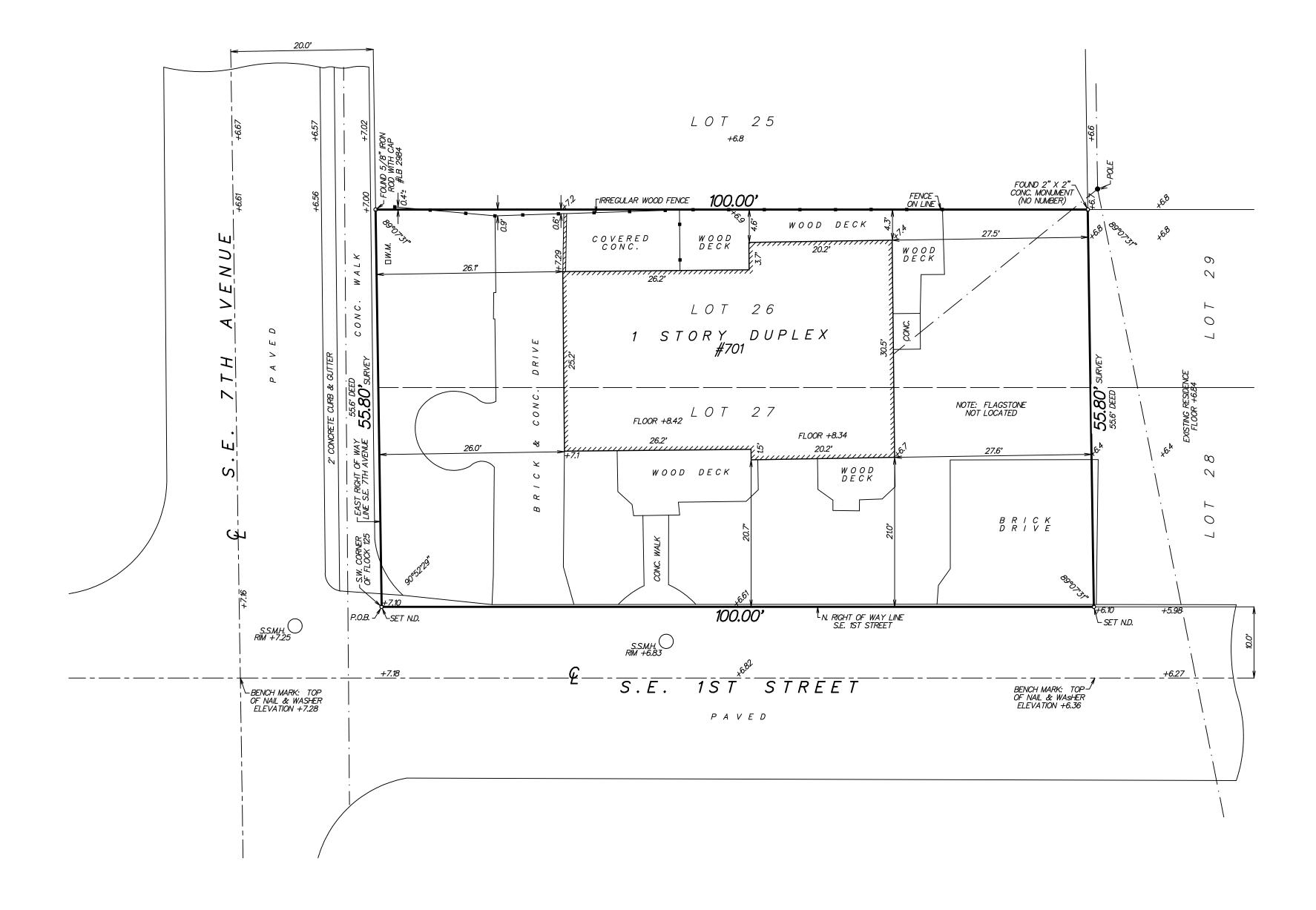
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## LEGEND:

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N.D. = NAIL & DISK #LB 353

CONC. = CONCRETE

W.M. = WATER METER

S.S.M.H. = SANITARY SEWER MANHOLE

P.O.B. = POINT OF BEGINNING

----- - OVERHEAD UTILITY LINES

LOT 26 = LOT AS SHOWN ON THE UNRECORDED PLAT OF PALM SQUARE

+6.36 = ELEVATION BASED ON NATIONAL GEODETIC VERTICAL DATUM 1929. SOURCE: STATE ROAD DEPARTMENT BENCH MARK IN ATLANTIC AVENUE BRIDGE OVER INTRACOASTAL WATERWAY

FLOOD ZONE: X

### TITLE NOTES:

THIS SURVEY SHOWS ALL EASEMENTS AND RIGHTS OF WAY AS SHOWN ON SCHEDULE B—II OF THE OLD REPUBLIC NATIONAL\_TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY TITLE COMMITMENT AGENT'S FILE REFERENCE: B16-018, DATED JANUARY 6,

PARCEL SUBJECT TO CITY OF DELRAY BEACH ORDINANCE RECORDED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 6620, PAGE 1713.

# **DESCRIPTION:**

A PORTION OF BLOCK 125 OF THE TOWN OF LINTON (NOW DELRAY BEACH), FLORIDA, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 3; MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE AFOREMENTIONED BLOCK 125, RUN THENCE NORTHERLY ALONG THE EAST LINE OF S.E. SEVENTH AVENUE, A DISTANCE OF 55.6 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE RUN EASTERLY, ALONG A LINE PARALLEL TO THE NORTH LINE OF S.E. FIRST STREET, A DISTANCE OF 100 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE RUN SOUTHERLY ALONG A LINE PARALLEL TO THE POINT; THENCE RUN SOUTHERLY ALONG A LINE PARALLEL TO THE EAST LINE OF S.E. SEVENTH AVENUE, A DISTANCE OF 55.6 FEET TO A POINT IN THE NORTH LINE OF S.E. FIRST STREET; THENCE RUN WESTERLY ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF S.E. FIRST STREET, A DISTANCE OF 100 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. (SAID PARCEL BEING OTHERWISE KNOWN AS LOTS 26 AND 27 OF PALM SQUARE, AN UNRECORDED PLAT)

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MAP OF BOUNDARY SURVEY

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS SURVEY WAS MADE UNDER MY RESPONSIBLE CHARGE AND MEETS THE MINIMUM TECHNICAL STANDARDS AS SET FORTH BY THE FLORIDA BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL SURVEYORS AND MAPPERS IN CHAPTER 5J—17, FLORIDA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE, PURSUANT TO SECTION 472.027, FLORIDA STATUTES.

PAUL D. ENGLE

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1" = 10' ORDER NO.: 16–17db











