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ACORN AWARD WINNERS NAMED; [City Edition]

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Matthew Elmes, who restored a long-neglected house at 2115 Jefferson Ave., won a Golden Hammer Award for best residential renovation Tuesday night.

Shane Parr won the commercial renovation award for converting an endangered 1854 tobacco warehouse into loft apartments.

The preservation awards are presented annually by The Alliance to Conserve Old Richmond Neighborhoods (ACORN).

Bill Conkle and Monica Rumsey were winners in the neighborhood preservation category. Conkle has helped revitalize numerous houses in Union Hill. Rumsey, president of the Friends of Forest Hill Park, has led efforts to enhance the park and qualify it for the National Register of Historic Places.

Margaret Freund of Fulton Hill Properties received the Andrew Asch Historic Developer Award for her part in converting two warehouses into office and restaurant space at 15th and Cary streets.

Duane Nelson received the Marguerite Crumley Preservation Award for championing the historic Byrd Theatre in Carytown for the past 20 years.

Developer Robin Miller of Miller & Associates, whose projects range from Shockoe Valley to Oregon Hill to downtown, received the Ukrop's/First Market Award for preservation excellence.

ACORN also recognized city Building Commissioner Claude Cooper with a Preservation Advocacy Award.

Brent Hosier, G. William Thomas/Manchester Civic Association and Taylor & Parrish Inc. were recognized for working quickly to save the home of former slave Emily Winfree. The home is being restored by ACORN as a visitors' center in the Shockoe Valley.