

**Art and Architectural Review Board
Minutes
September 4, 2015
Virginia War Memorial
621 S Belvidere Street
Richmond, VA 23220**

1.0 ADMINISTRATION

10:00am

- 1.1 CALL TO ORDER
Sandy Bond, Calder Loth, Bob Mills, Donna Tuten, Helen Wilson
- 1.2 PUBLIC COMMENT
AARB Meetings are open for public comment. Rules for public comment can be obtained from the Director, Division of Engineering and Buildings.
- 1.3 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Motion: Ms. Wilson
Second: Mr. Bond
Recommend Approval of Minutes from the August 2015 AARB Meeting**
- 1.4 OTHER BUSINESS - ** Announcement of new board member, Donna Tuten

2.0 CONSENT AGENDA

10:10am

- 2.1 **Department of Conservation and Recreation – Demolition of several structures**
- 2.2 **Virginia State University – Demolition of two store duplex home in S. Chesterfield, VA
Comment: Subject to DHR approval**
- 2.3 **VA Tech – Demolition of Catawba Hospital Farm Tenant Houses & Stables
Comment: Subject to DHR working on MOU**
- 2.4 **Department of Corrections – Demolition of office building**
- 2.5 **Dept. of Behavioral Health & Developmental Services – Installation of Office Trailers
Installation of two temporary trailers, one approximately 14' X 76' and one approximately 24' X 54', to be located southeast of the VCBR, within the secure perimeter fence. Installation includes utility connections and ADAAG compliant ramp.
Comment: Subject to DHR approval**
- 2.6 **Rappahannock Community College – Public Library Sign - Richmond County
The Richmond County Public Library Sign has been schematically designed and its location approved by VDOT and the town of Warsaw, but awaits approval by the local**

college Board and the State Board for Community Colleges at their upcoming meetings scheduled for September and November. It also awaits Art and Architecture Review Board approval prior to starting construction.

2.7 Thomas Nelson Community College – New Digital Campus Sign

***Previously submitted and approved to the board on July 10th with the following comment: The signage letters are to include “Thomas Nelson Community College”**
Agency response to Board comments: We will revise the letters to read ‘THOMAS NELSON COMMUNITY COLLEGE’.

2.8 VA Tech – Airport Hangar

***Previously submitted and approved to the board on July 10th with the following comments: Study the shape and size of the entry canopy roof and columns. Consider a “lighter” canopy. Consider taking some foundation planting away from the hangar and simplifying the landscape design by adding more trees.**
Agency submission responds to the board comments.

Approval of consent items 2.1 through 2.8 with comments.

Motion: Ms. Wilson

Second: Mr. Bond

3.0 PROJECT REVIEWS

3.1 VCCS – Danville Community College – Expand Workforce Development Center

The new Engineering and Technology Building (i.e. Welding Building), phase one of the overall project, is to be sited northwest of the current EIT Building, and is a reaction to an ever expanding Welding Program and the need for a Metal Fabrication Degree / Certification Program in and around the area of southwest Virginia. This 7,500 g. s. f. building will include “state-of-the-art” labs for each discipline, faculty offices, a shared 600 s. f. classroom, loading area, restrooms, a shared Locker Room, Program Certification space, plus a 5 ton Mobile Crane, which integrates seamlessly to the “cutting edge” equipment required to produce “job-ready” program graduates.

Motion: Mr. Bond

Second: Ms. Wilson

Final approval

3.2 Radford University – Martin Hall and Preston/Young Halls Steps Replacement

The project generally consists of renovating two sets of exterior concrete steps on the campus of Radford University; one at the entrance to Martin Hall and the other between Preston and Young Halls. The two stairways are prominent features on campus that are heavily travelled. Renovations to the Martin Hall entrance area is

approximately +/- 800 square feet. Renovations to the Preston Hall steps is approximately +/- 2,200 square feet. Materials include brick, architectural precast stone, cast-in-place concrete, and decorative metal handrails and guardrails.

Comments: Reconsider arrangement of existing planter at top of steps to improve pedestrian flow.

Motion: Ms. Wilson

Second: Mr. Mills

Approved with comments

- 3.3 Virginia State University - Entrance Security Improvements and Campus Entrances**
Campus Entrances consisting of masonry and precast concrete walls supplemented by aluminum ornamental fencing.

Bob Mills abstained from voting on this project.

Motion: Mr. Bond

Second: Ms. Wilson

Final approval

- 3.4 University of Virginia – Hotel A Renovation**

The building has no internal vertical circulation, nor does it have a bathroom. This project proposes to install an ADA compliant bridge to an original entrance to the first floor, spanning over a sunken courtyard. This structure would also provide exterior stairs to improve the connection between floors. The project proposes to convert the neighboring dormitory room into a restroom for use by the Hotel occupants and for attendees of events at the nearby University Chapel. This restroom would be accessed from the bridge landing by converting the existing window into a door. This window had previously been converted into a door, and then back into a window again during the building's history.

Helen Wilson abstained from voting on this project.

Comments: Change upper part of upstairs door to have glass configuration matching up sash of adjacent window. Lower panels to be wood matching adjacent door panels. Recommend addition of shutters on south elevation including basement where possible.

Motion: Mr. Mills

Second: Mr. Bond

Final Approval

- 3.5 University of Virginia – University Hospital Emergency Department/Interventional Programs and Bed Tower Expansion**

The University Hospital Emergency Department/ Interventional Programs and Bed Tower Expansion will construct over 400,000 square feet of new and renovated clinical care space. The project programmatic stacking consists of a four- story lower expansion of the Hospital from the basement level to the 2M mechanical floor. This lower section

(base) will accommodate the emergency department expansion, an expansion to the operating rooms / interventional platform, and associated support facilities. In addition, a six story patient bed tower will be constructed over a portion of the four story base, with direct connections to the existing Hospital east bed tower.

Helen Wilson abstained from voting on this project.

**Motion: Mr. Bond
Second: Mr. Mills
Final Approval**

4.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS

****Next AARB Meeting is Friday, October 2, 2015.**

5.0 MEETING ADJOURNED

**Minutes Approved as AARB
Advice and Counsel:**

**Approved as the
Governor's Designee:**

Robert S. Mills, FAIA, CID Date
Chairman
Art and Architectural Review Board

Richard F. Sliwoski, P.E. Date
Director
Department of General Services