

Art and Architectural Review Board
Minutes
November 4, 2016
The Branch Museum
2501 Monument Ave, Richmond, VA 23220

1.0 ADMINISTRATION

- 10:00am 1.1 CALL TO ORDER
Present: Sandy Bond, Calder Loth, Bob Mills, Burt Pinnock, 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.
See agenda item 3.2 for a public comment related to that project
- 1.3 APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Motion: Mr. Pinnock
Second: Mr. Bond
Recommend Approval of Minutes from October 7th meeting
- 1.4 OTHER BUSINESS
None.

2.0 CONSENT AGENDA

- 10:10am **Approval of consent items 2.1 through 2.10.**
Motion: Ms. Tuten
Second: Mr. Bond
- 2.1 James Madison University – Demolition of Memorial Hall Outfield Building, Rockingham County**
- 2.2 VDOT – Bus Shelter Installation – Exit 118 Park & Ride, Montgomery County**
Three new bus shelters will be installed and one existing shelter relocated as part of the work that includes stormwater, lighting, and sidewalks, as well as the construction of an additional 250+/- additional parking spaces (61 spaces currently exist) for anticipated commuter patronage.
- 2.3 Department of State Police – Office/Garage Building for HEAT Unit, Chesterfield County**
One story pre-engineered metal building with metal roofing system. Building will contain both support office space and garage storage area.
- 2.4 VDOT – New Saluda Residency Office Landscape Plan – Fredericksburg County**
****Previously reviewed at March 4, 2016 meeting with the following comments: Demolition of existing building to be submitted separately. Use plants that are not invasive and don't require as much space as current***

landscape. Consider adding sidewalk at street. Reconsider using permeable paving for parking area. Because of the amount of visible roof area, consider using alternative roofing material such as slate, metal, synthetic slate rather than asphalt shingle, as shown.

Motion: Mr. Mills

Second: Mr. Pinnock

Final approval. Agency to submit landscape plan for consent agenda.

Agency response to previous board comments:

A/E has implemented all of the suggested landscape / site changes, except for the sidewalk at the street as shown on attached revised plan. Due to the size of the stormwater basin, agency does not have room for the requested walk on the property and given the amount of poor soils that were discovered via the soil borings, doubt they will have funds for this additional work. A/E has also included a synthetic slate roof in the Preliminary Phase BCOM submittal, and adjusted the preliminary cost estimate accordingly, prior to submitting the preliminary review documents.

2.5 Longwood University – Dual Fuel Biomass Boiler Addition, Farmville

This project will install one additional dual-fuel (biomass and fuel oil) boiler for the new heating plant, built in 2011. The 3 boilers will burn sawdust as the primary fuel. This third boiler will be installed within the existing heat plant in space allocated when the building was constructed. Because of new EPA standards for emissions controls, this boiler will require the installation of a baghouse to collect exhaust-borne ash and other particulates. This unit is proposed to be installed on the north side of the building within the existing wood chip delivery yard and adjacent to other exterior material handling equipment. The unit will be raised on a steel structural frame to allow access at its base for discharging collected ash into trailer-mounted containers. The boiler also requires a new 4' diameter x 54' high stainless steel exhaust stack, to be located on the north side of the New Heat Plant.

2.6 Longwood University – Willett Hall Door Replacement, Farmville

The door replacement is intended to reinforce the existing façade's architectural language by creating a continuous vertical band at each door location. The doors match the existing masonry in color and thereby create continuity from grade to parapet.

2.7 VSU – Vawter Hall Exterior Improvements, Petersburg Campus

This is a minor exterior improvement project to replace rotted/damaged portions of east and north porch floors, replace exterior lights and doors, repair waterproofing, repaint, repair rotted/damaged wood lattice, repoint masonry and drainage updates.

2.8 VSU – Storum Hall Exterior Improvements, Petersburg Campus

This is a minor exterior improvements to remove south elevation concrete stair, remove sidewalk to concrete stair, add access panel at void under stair

on south side, add screening for fence for HVAC equipment, replace exterior doors and lights, repair concrete porch floor slab, remove dryer vent and replace with plate and rod, replace/repair rotten or damaged portions of exterior wood cornice, patching sheet metal roofing open joints, repaint, replace handrail leading down to basement door, remove exterior brick track enclosure, recoat/repaint metal roofing portion that is oxidizing, repoint masonry and drainage updates.

2.9 VCCS – Thomas Nelson Community College – Pedestrian Bridge Replacement, Hampton Campus

The demolition of a 35' long wooden pedestrian bridge and the construction of a new 50' pre-engineered steel pedestrian bridge with helical pile foundation and concrete bridge abutments, walking surfaces shall be wood plank. Patching of existing pedestrian walk pavement and erosion and sediment control will also be provided.

2.10 DBHDS – Commonwealth Center for Children & Adolescents – Unit 4 Expansion, Staunton

The addition is the infill of an existing exterior walled-in courtyard with new wall and roof. The roof is a low slope membrane roof that drains to a metal box gutter. The lower 6' of the wall is brick to match the adjacent brick and the upper portion of the roof is EIFS to match the existing adjacent material. Windows are steel security construction with clear glass and precast sills to match.

3.0 PROJECT REVIEWS

3.1 Virginia Tech – Athletics Facilities Improvements – Rector House Field, Blacksburg Campus

This project consists of a major addition to the east side of the field house totaling 42,181 GSF with 897 GSF of renovated field house mechanical space. This existing track level addition program includes a Throws area, a Softball practice facility and entry vestibule housing restrooms, concessions and ticketing serving the public. The 5,395 GSF north-side addition west of the Softball addition will comprise of a new training room, team rooms with wet areas, officials' rooms and storage space. In addition, a new standing seam metal roof will be installed on the existing field house.

Comments: Consider using a flat arch at entry or reinforcing the gothic motif at entry. Consider pulling pilaster panels above roof line so that roof doesn't appear flat. Add more detail to panels. For building's base, consider using all hokie stone or linking hokie stone pilasters with a smaller horizontal base of hokie stone.

Motion: Mr. Pinnock

Second: Mr. Mills

Final approval. Agency to submit landscape plan for consent agenda.

3.2 Department of General Services – Old City Hall Rehabilitation, Capitol Square, Richmond

This project encompasses a comprehensive rehabilitation and renewal of Old City Hall. The building has not been upgraded, or significantly modernized, since the early 1980s. Most of the systems and infrastructure are at or nearing the ends of their service life, and this project will address those deficiencies. The project will also address the deterioration and poor condition of the building envelope, including the granite masonry, roofing, skylights, and windows/doors.

Comments: Consider removing parking spaces on the brick sidewalk on the Capitol Square side of Old City Hall. Consider reducing the number of parking spaces at west entry elevation by extending hardscape to street. It is understood that landscape design is limited in this scope of work and will be addressed in a future project.

***Public Comment: Ms. Cyane Crump, Executive Director of the Historic Richmond Foundation (HRF), voiced her organization’s acceptance of the proposed exterior design.**

Motion: Mr. Pinnock

Second: Mr. Mills

Final approval. Agency to submit colors and materials for consent agenda.

Final design to be submitted for AARB files.

3.3 Fort Monroe Authority – Comprehensive Signage Plan for Fort Monroe, Hampton

The signage systems are heavily influenced by the original signs found at Fort Monroe and updated to meet National Park Service graphic standards. Sign armatures are derived from the simple metal architectural railings and street light post found throughout the property. The color scheme is derived from the traditional army black and gold palette and the blue and brown sign faces are derived from the Fort Monroe and the National Park Service brand standards. The profile shape of the primary wayfinding signs and vehicular directional signs are derived from the architectural shape of the Fort’s casemates. The individual design elements have been systematically developed in collaboration with the National Park Service to meet shared goals for style, legibility, safety, accessibility, street-level vitality, maintenance, and replacement costs.

Comments: In mounting signage on historic buildings, examine whether it is more appropriate to drill into wood trim vs mortar or bricks.

Motion: Mr. Bond

Second: Mr. Mills

Final approval on signage system standards as proposed. Agency to return with specific placement and locations.

4.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS

****Next AARB Meeting is Friday, December 2, 2016.**

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MEETING ADJOURNED