Art and Architectural Review Board
Minutes
March 4, 2016
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, 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.

1.3 APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Motion: Mr. Bond
Second: Ms. Wilson
Recommend Approval of Minutes from the February 5, 2016 AARB Meeting

1.4 OTHER BUSINESS

2.0 CONSENT AGENDA

10:10am **Approval of consent items 2.1 through 2.8 with comments.**
Motion: Mr. Bond
Second: Ms. Wilson

2.1 College of William and Mary – Demolitions of Millington Hall, Williamsburg VA
Comments: DHR to review

2.2 Virginia State Univesity – Demolition of Three Ticket Booths – Rodgers Stadium on VSU campus.
Comments: DHR has review and approved.

2.3 Radford University– Demolition of Men's Baseball Coaches Trailer, on campus near Deadmon Center close to baseball and softball fields.
Comments: DHR to review

2.4 Radford University– Demolition of Women's Softball Coaches Trailer, on campus near Deadmon Center close to baseball and softball fields.
Comments: DHR to review

2.5 Radford University – Muse Hall Systems Renovations, Radford Campus, Radford, VA

The university funded and completed an independent assessment on the building and its systems in 2013. This project scope is based on the recommendations of the assessment report and is focused on upgrading building systems and Life Safety including the following: Fire and smoke alarm upgrades; Upgraded electrical service and emergency power provisions; A new lightning protection system; Elevator upgrades and/or replacement including 4 traction passenger elevators, 2 passenger hydraulic elevators and one hydraulic freight elevator; ADA improvements to buildings primary entrances, means of egress components and elevators; Standpipe replacement; A new fire command room. The project will also undertake testing and removal of Hazardous material in areas affected by the renovation.

Comments: DHR to review

2.6 Department of Conservation and Recreation – Building of Yurts in State Parks.

The yurts will be built in the following state parks: Chippokes Plantation Claytor Lake, Fairy Stone, First Landing, Grayson Highlands, Hungry Mother, Kiptopeke, Lake Anna, Natural Tunnel, Pocahontas, Shenandoah River, Powhatan, and Occoneechee.

The yurt looks similar to a traditional teepee with fabric walls and roof and a circular dome skylight at the top. The fabric wall and roof color will match each Park's existing aesthetic. The yurt and deck will be low profile and will fit into the existing campground context.

Comments: DHR is currently reviewing

2.7 Department of State Police – STARS Communication Tower – Amelia County, VA

New 300 Foot self-supporting lattice communication tower to be built at existing VDOT facility .

Comments: DHR is currently reviewing

2.8 Virginia Tech – Greenhouse – Old Glade Road - Blacksburg, VA

The greenhouse will provide on-site controlled environments for expanded agriculture and plant and weed sciences research. The 1,056 gross square foot greenhouse will have a translucent membrane cover to provide diffused natural lighting. The floors of the greenhouse will be concrete slab on grade. Large end-wall mechanical ventilating fans will control internal ventilation and exhaust.

Comments: DHR to review if Environment Impact Report is required.

3.0 PROJECT REVIEWS

3.1 Virginia Department of Forestry – Alice House & Matthews House, Matthews State Forest, VA

For the proposed renovation of the Matthews House, A new egress stair is proposed to be added at the rear of the existing structure to meet the required egress needs from the upper floor. This addition is proposed in a manner to complement and balance the rear elevation of the house while creating a central rear porch area.

For the proposed renovation of the Alice House, A new egress stair is proposed to be added at the rear of the existing structure to meet the required egress needs from the upper floor since the existing interior stair is extremely inadequate in regards to meeting. This addition, which also includes additional square footage for the formal dining area, is proposed in a manner to complement and balance the rear elevation of the house while creating a focal point of the vertical transition.

Comments: Match existing porch detailing and profiles on Matthews House. Rehabilitated porch to match existing design – be sensitive to existing design elements. Recommend keeping upstairs porch open rather than closing it in. On Alice House, revisit roof ridge relationship. Current ridge relationship tells story of house's growth. Respect historic nature of house. Revisit window scale and consider staircase more in keeping with historic style of house.

Motion: Mr. Pinnock

Second: Mr. Bond

Conceptual approval subject to comments. Agency to return for final approval.

3.2 University of Virginia – Thornton Hall Accessibility & Entrance Improvements, School of Engineering, Charlottesville, VA

The Project constructs new and improved accessible ramps to the main entrance as well as an improved front landscape. The work includes a new raised brick entry terrace, two

new low-sloped walks, low retaining walls to define the ramps and new entry courtyard, a new power operator at the eastern most front entry door, replacement of the asymmetrical double doors to the west of the front entry, reconstructed concrete walkways from the sidewalk along McCormick Drive to the entry of Thornton Hall,

storm water treatment measures and lighting. The total area of the entry courtyard is 4,264SF. Proposed materials include brick paving, brick veneer on retaining walls, bluestone steps and plinth caps, salvaged granite threshold, painted steel handrails, as well as plantings in new garden beds. The brick selection will be made to

be compatible with the existing brick of Thornton Hall. The bluestone steps and plinth caps will match existing. Handrails and lighting will match UVA standards for traditional areas.

Comments: Project should be submitted to DHR for approval. Consider using brick pavers instead of concrete for new proposed sidewalks across site.
Motion: Mr. Mills
Second: Mr. Bond
***Helen Wilson recused herself.**
Final approval as submitted.

3.3 Virginia Department of Transportation – New Saluda Residency Office Building, Fredericksburg District, Saluda, VA

One story slab on grade 8,450 GSF. Brick & pre-cast stone veneer, clad wood windows, storefront entries, dimensional shingles, and painted PVC trim. Transitional, with traditional influences, intended to be compatible with the nearby County Courthouse, about ¼ mile away. The new structure will permit the demolition of the existing painted CMU residency building, as well as a "temporary" trailer-type office now on the site - to be submitted to AARB separately.

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 on consent agenda.

3.4 Virginia Department of Transportation – Fremont Area Headquarters, Dickenson County, VA

The project site consists of approximately 7.9 acres of land. Presently the site is undeveloped grassland and partially forested. The project involves relocating the existing Fremont Area Headquarters. The site will include a combination building consisting of office space, equipment and storage bays, a chemical storage building, a fueling facility, spreader and tailgate racks, and paved parking and work areas. The site will be surrounded by a 6' perimeter site fence.

Comments: DHR Environmental Impact report may be required. Consider simple landscaping at the entry and along roadway.
Motion: Ms. Wilson
Second: Ms. Tuten
Final approval with comments.

3.5 VCCS – Danville Community College – Renovate Charles R. Hawkins EIT Building, DCC Campus, Danville, VA

As currently designed, this project provides for the comprehensive renovation of the 44,590 SF. Charles R. Hawkins, Engineering & Industrial Technologies Building. The entrance at the west side of the building will be enhanced to provide a more prominent visual connection with the new Welding Building (i.e. currently in design) that will be constructed, just across the Parking Lot from the EIT Building. The existing Bookstore will be reconfigured, enlarged and renovated. The upper level will include a renovated Automotive Shop and associated classrooms, renovated and upgraded Toilet Rooms, a Precision Machining Lab for a Veterans' Workforce Training Program and renovated administrative offices. The entire building infrastructure will be upgraded to include a new mechanical system, an upgraded electrical system, new energy efficient lighting, new audiovisual capabilities, new plumbing systems, clean air / air filtration system and a Fire Suppression Sprinkler System to address Life Safety concerns.

Comments: Consider adding lattice or trellis for greenery on long blank walls. Consider adding exterior areas for gathering.
Motion: Mr. Mills
Second: Ms. Tuten
Final approval – agency to submit landscape plan on consent agenda.

4.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next AARB Meeting is Friday, **April 1st, 2016.

5.0 MEETING ADJOURNED

Minutes Approved as AARB Advice and Counsel:

Robert S. Mills 4/1/16

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

Approved as the Governor's Designee:

Christopher L. Beschler — Date
Director
Department of General Services