Art and Architectural Review Board
Minutes
November 6, 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, 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: Ms. Wilson
Second: Mr. Bond
Recommend Approval of Minutes from the October 2, 2015 AARB Meeting

1.4 OTHER BUSINESS

2.0 CONSENT AGENDA

10:10am

2.1 Virginia Department of Game & Inland Fisheries – Demolitions - Short Hills WMA Buildings

2.2 George Mason University – Potomac Science Center
***Previously presented to Board: May 3, 2012; March 1, 2013; October 5, 2013; May 1, 2015. Board comments from May 1, 2015: Approve with comments: Approval of alternate material and window depth change as presented. Board requests agency to submit color and material once selection is made.**
As such, this submittal is of the color and material selections.

2.3 VCCS – Patrick Henry Community College – West Hall Window Replacement
The design intent is to replace the existing windows, which are not energy efficient and occasionally leak at the sills, with energy efficient windows to meet the VUSBC.
Comments: DHR has not reviewed. Follow up with DHR to confirm if Environment Impact Report is necessary.

2.4 VCCS – Lord Fairfax Community College – Tennis & Basketball Courts
The courts will be asphalt paved with a top coat for the tennis court. The grade will be banked where there is space to do so, and low concrete or block retaining walls will be used where necessary. The courts will be surrounded by a 10 ft. high vinyl coated chain-link fence. No lighting is planned.

2.5 Gunston Hall – Exterior Wood Restoration & Painting

This preservation initiative is the restoration of several areas of rotten wood and the painting of the exterior wood work. Gunston Hall is proposing to replace the rotten wood in accordance with preservation standards and paint the exterior wood work.

2.6 Department of General Services – Executive Mansion Enhanced Accessibility

The project consists of the construction of approximately 50 linear feet of brick paved pathway and ramp to enhance accessibility, for mobility impaired personnel, to the Executive Mansion. The materials and colors of all materials used will match the existing structure. Landscaping will be provided around the new structure to "soften" the appearance. Note: The agency will come to the November 6 meeting prepared with supplemental presentation materials for the Board's review regarding the proposed landscape.

Comments: Both DHR and Kathleen Kilpatrick approve of enhancements.
***Mr. Mills abstained from voting on this project.**

Approval of consent items 2.2 through 2.6 with comments.
Motion: Ms. Wilson
Second: Mr. Bond

3.0 PROJECT REVIEWS

3.1 Longwood University – Admissions and Visitor's Center

***Previously presented to Board: October 3, 2014. Board Comments: Department of Historic Resources will have to approve the demolition of structures. Those approval requests will be submitted separately. Consider making wings smaller/subordinate. Current submission does not show the handicap access ramps into the building. Approved of conceptual design. Agency will return to show further development.**

Agency response to Board comments: The Agency and Architect met with DHR to review the demolition of the structures. Generally, DHR was acceptable with the approach to the project. Whereas there are still adverse effects on the historic district due to the demolition of contributing structures, DHR appreciates our effort to reduce the impact and is willing to accept mitigation strategies. DHR suggested the following next steps: Submit a letter to DHR explaining the updates and revisions to the project. In addition to explaining the efforts taken to reduce the impact on the historic districts, the University should propose mitigation strategies for consideration by DHR. Some strategies discussed were exhibits/graphics in the Admissions Building, a student-designed GIS application for documenting historically significant locations on campus, an Archeology class investigating the site, and a preservation plan incorporated into planning efforts by the University. Submit an archaeological report from Brian Bates, Professor of Archaeology at Longwood University. DHR will review and advise to the AARB for their November meeting. The roof on the wings has been lowered and the architectural detailing has been diminished in relationship to the main

mass of the building. The wings no longer include the precast window sills, shutters, quoins or key stones which now offers a subordinate relationship to the main mass of the building. The belt course on the wings has also been lowered and reduced in size to visually reduce the height of the wings. The handicap ramps and handrails have been added to the presentation elevations.

Comments: Consider changing height and scale of baluster to be more to scale. AARB approves changes made to design from previous submission. This approval does not include approval of the demolition of the historic structures on site. Those demolitions will have to come before AARB in separate applications.

Motion: Mr. Pinnock

Second: Ms. Wilson

Conceptual approval with comments. Applicant to return for final approval.

3.2 James Madison University – Renovation to North Façade of Student Health Center

The University Health Center remaining existing brick wall façade shall be refinished to match its existing canopy & entrance as well as the new exterior wall colors used on the new CHBS building (College of Health and Behavioral Studies).

Motion: Ms. Wilson

Second: Mr. Bond

Final approval.

3.3 Virginia Commonwealth University – School of Allied Health Professions Building Downtown Campus

Health Professions Classroom, Teaching lab, and Office Building. The building is 8 Stories, including an 8 story wing and a 4 story wing. Exterior Materials include precast concrete cladding and aluminum curtain wall.

Comments: DHR will review the demolition request once the project is funded. Agency will bring proposed demolitions before the board. Consider maintenance concerns on canopy overhang. Adding a rooftop terrace would be a great amenity. Please keep in mind during the design phase that south east corner will get of a lot of visual exposure – this elevation is critical. Board has concerns over the foot traffic access to site because the location is in a high automobile traffic area. Agency plans to create an environment through design that accommodates pedestrian traffic.

Motion: Mr. Bond

Second: Ms. Wilson

Conceptual approval.

3.4 Virginia Community College System – Eastern Shore Community College

***Previously presented to Board: April 03, 2015. Board Comments: Board proposed further study of façade and outdoor elements. Add storefront leading to patio at rear. Reduce number of raised roof elements-raised roof should only be used at entry points and special function areas**. Conceptual approval of academic building design and approval of existing academic building.

Comments: AARB approved changes made to previous design submission.

Motion: Mr. Mills

Second: Ms. Tuten

Final approval.

3.5 Virginia Community College System – Virginia Western Community College -Replace Anderson Hall

***Previously presented to Board: August 7, 2015. Board Comments: Building is a unifying building. Consider landscape design to bring it all together and unify campus. Consider removing "STEM" signage from building. Consider removing punched window openings in vertical brick fields. Building has landed in the middle of campus - placement is a little awkward relative to organization of campus structures. Seeing the masterplan would be helpful. The intention of the roof is to be strong architectural statement. Board asks that agency bring campus masterplan, revised building elevations landscape masterplan and more information regarding the roof design intent.**

The proposed new building for Virginia Western Community College (VWCC) is for Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics (STEM). The building is to be a highly visible and iconic building that will transform the College. The manifestation of the building program results in a four-story building which includes chemistry labs, a biotechnology lab, several engineering labs (electronics, mechatronics, fabrication), computer labs, classrooms, offices, student spaces, and other core building functions. The proposed STEM Building will be approximately 71,000 GSF.

Comments: Anderson Hall demolition will be submitted separately. Board prefers silver/gray aluminum material rather than the orange or patina. Reconsider using STEM as part of signage on building.

Motion: Mr. Bond

Second: Ms. Wilson

Final approval. Agency to submit final colors to the Board and return if there are any significant changes. This approval excludes landscape approval which will be presented to the Board separately.

3.6 Longwood University – Willet Hall Façade Renovation

The area of work to be impacted by this project includes the main entry and lobby of Willett Hall. The project envisions the creation of new side entrances to the lobby to allow for continued use of the building during the construction phase, and to increase the flow and serviceability of the lobby following the renovation. A new portico will be added at the main entry and the existing storefront will be replaced. The landscape scope of work will include modifications to the paths connecting to Brock Commons, design of plant beds in front of the new facade, and protection of the adjacent mature Willow Oak Tree. The dominant exterior material will be precast concrete with the appearance of limestone that will match the appearance of the traditional Longwood campus aesthetics.

Comments: Consider making parapet a little more interesting and strengthening the corners, more articulation. Consider removing triglyphs.

Motion: Mr. Bond

Second: Mr. Mills

Final approval.

3.7 Longwood University – Construct University Center

***Previously submitted to the Board: June 5, 2015. Board Comments: The parapet spindles should begin with a half baluster on each end. Consider making the porch colonnade wider and adding a roof and/or adding a trellis to make it work more like a porch. Consider making lintels on building entrance façade caststone rather than soldier course. Consider using keystone. Consider making the lawn area more inviting for students to gather; raising the wall height on three sides around the lawn for seating and replacing some of the lawn with hardscape to expand functional uses.**

This new 3-story building (due to the existing topography there will be 3 stories facing Wheeler Mall and 2 stories on Madison Commons) is approximately 84,000 SF. The building's exterior walls will be clad in the modular face brick prevalent throughout campus. Architectural elements such as columns and entablatures will be in cast stone and glass fiber reinforced concrete (GFRC). Windows and entry doors will be aluminum frame with simulated divided lights in keeping with the historic buildings on campus. Brick detailing will include rustication on the ground level, a modified English bond pattern, shaped bricks at water-table level, cast stone quoins at the south entry, and a range of decoration at each of the entries to the building such as diminishing width bricks in the voussoirs of the rustication. Surrounds at entry doors, windows, and the balustrades at porches will be detailed with cast stone. Fluted columns at the porticos will be fabricated as cast stone.

Comments: Consider using trees/landscaping that does not block the façade. Consider adding a little more detail to the metope on the triglyph adjustment.

Motion: Mr. Pinnock

Second: Mr. Mills

Final approval.

3.8 University of Virginia – Blandy Experimental Farm – Residential Cottage Expansion

This project proposes two new residential cottages, 1,320 SF each, adjacent to two existing residential cottages. Materials will be similar to the existing cottages: board and batten siding painted white and metal standing seam roof, painted red. The new cottages will have large screened porches similar to the existing cottages. These additional cottages are needed to house visiting researchers.

Comments: DHR is waiting on an archeological report.

***Ms. Wilson abstained from voting on this project.**

Motion: Mr. Pinnock

Second: Mr. Bond

Final approval.

3.9 University of Virginia – Blandy Experimental Farm – New Research Greenhouse

This project proposes a new four bay research greenhouse, designed to accommodate a symmetrical expansion in the future. The 2,550 SF greenhouse will have a brick base and a 480 SF head house with board and batten siding and standing seam metal roof. The new greenhouse will provide space to replace that currently housed in an aging facility that no longer adequately meets research needs.

***Ms. Wilson abstained from voting on this project.**

Motion: Mr. Mills
Second: Mr. Tuten
Final approval.

3.10 University of Virginia – Pavilion VII West Porch Repair and Barrier-Free Access Improvement

The University of Virginia proposes to rebuild the brick walls beneath the western porch, to replace the concrete porch surface at a slightly higher elevation, to remove and replace the stairs from the garden to the porch, to replace the temporary barrier-free access ramp with a permanent ramp, and to cover a portion of the garden path with pavement to create an ADA-compliant landing at the bottom of the ramp.

***Ms. Wilson abstained from voting on this project.**
Motion: Mr. Pinnock
Second: Mr. Mills
Conceptual approval on landscaping. Agency will return with landscape plan.
Final approval of details of slab and railing.

3.11 Department of General Services – Science Museum of Virginia

***Previously presented to Board: April 03, 2015. Board Comments: This review and approval was for materials and selected color only. Note: Prior Board review Comments from December 6, 2013: Concerns over logistics of movement and circulation between the two large spaces and with how the new space fits in with the historic context of the existing facility. Future presentations should include visuals of all aspects that the Board needs to consider....recommend that the project seek input from DHR and return to the Board for reconsideration.**

This presentation is for Board review of the entire design. The project scope includes the renovation of the Main Concourse Gallery for the purpose of upgrading the exhibit area and to allow for the installation and display of the Museum's SR-71 aircraft. This renovation includes the demolition of the 3,200 square foot mezzanine and the addition of a new stair and elevator connector to the proposed new Special Events Center, also part of the project scope. The addition of the multipurpose Special Events Center will allow the museum to accommodate special exhibits, large-scale events, and corporate and community meetings.

Comments: Previous concerns from previous board addressed and answered. No further comments from DHR regarding this project. Building fits with contextual design of train station. Consider the maintenance and expense of a berm rather than having a wall.

***Mr. Bond abstained from voting on this project.**
Motion: Mr. Mills
Second: Ms. Tuten
Final approval on all but landscaping; Agency to submit landscape plan for final approval.

4.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next AARB Meeting is Friday, **December 4, 2015.

5.0 MEETING ADJOURNED

Minutes Approved as AARB Advice and Counsel:

Robert S. Mills 12/5/15

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

Approved as the Governor's Designee:

12-15-2015

Christopher L. Beschler **Date**
Director
Department of General Services