

**Art and Architectural Review Board**

**Minutes**

**July 10, 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, 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 June 2015 AARB Meeting**

1.4 OTHER BUSINESS

**2.0 CONSENT AGENDA**

10:10am

**2.1 University of Mary Washington – Demolition of Officials Tower and Storage Shed**

**2.2 James Madison University – Festival Building Roof Infill**

The intent is to provide roof infill that is concealed with little to no change to the existing building's aesthetics.

**Comments: No DHR review needed.**

**2.3 Department of Conservation & Recreation – Mulberry Hill Mansion Repairs**

The intent of this project is to stabilize the structure and keep the weather out while adding a mechanical system which is capable of both heating and air conditioning for humidity control.

**Comments: Reviewed by DHR**

**2.4 James Madison University - Basement Partial Renovations**

Exterior of a 3 story building consists of pre-cast concrete cladding and white aluminum clad windows.

**Comments: No DHR review needed.**

**Motion: Mr. Pinnock**  
**Second: Ms. Wilson**  
**Approval of consent items 2.1 through 2.4.**

### 3.0 PROJECT REVIEWS

#### 3.1 Virginia Tech – Health Center Improvements

The 4,700 gross square foot (GSF) renovation and addition project includes a 3,000 GSF single-story addition of the north wing of McComas Hall, extending near the west end of the Cassell Lot. Interior improvements will require renovation to 1,700 GSF of existing health center space. The number of students using the Health Center has increased over the years and has resulted in cramped conditions and a lack of adequate space for clinical services within the 16,000 GSF Health Center. The university's Campus Alcohol Abuse Prevention Center (CAAPC) is also proposed to be located in the Center with its own exterior entrance. Four departments will be located in the renovated and expanded Health Center: the CAAPC, the Emergency Care Unit, and the Clinical Laboratory with the Phlebotomy Unit.

**Comments: The parapets should match in elevation, shape and materials. Consider making glass more pronounced at entry. Pull entry elevation up to make it more obvious/pronounced. Consider more emphasis on landscaping and expanding the entry canopy to express a strong entrance.**

**Motion: Mr. Pinnock**  
**Second: Mr. Bond**  
**Conceptual approval with comments.**

#### 3.2 Virginia Tech – Airport Hangar

This new 14,000 gross square foot hangar will provide secure, heated storage for two aircraft and a waiting/administrative area supporting flight operations and traveler services. The hangar aircraft storage area and hangar doors are sized to house two university aircraft and permit either aircraft to be removed or brought in without requiring the other aircraft to be moved. The adjacent operations and waiting area will be accessed from both the main entry and the aircraft storage area.

**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.**

**Motion: Ms. Wilson**  
**Second: Mr. Mills**  
**Final approval with comments.**

#### 3.3 Radford University – Renovate Whit Hall

**\*Previously submitted at October 2014 meeting.**

Whitt Hall is a 23,000 sq. ft. existing academic building on the campus of Radford University. The building has three floors, with the lowest level partially below grade,

and two full floors above grade. The lower floor is half the area of the upper floors, and is accessible to grade by means of exterior sloped walkways. The building is currently configured for office space and academic classroom needs, and will continue to serve this purpose after the renovation. An elevator serves all floors.

**Comments: Consider altering exterior steps (treads and risers) at plaza to make them more gentle and adding seats/benches where people can gather. Use new windows that best replicate original historic windows with divided lights and double and double hung appearance. (Make an effort to go back to original plans/profile for materials and details) Consider removing current porch and replicating the original porch. The arch should match the original.**

**Motion: Mr. Mills**

**Second: Mr. Pinnock**

**Final approval with comments.**

**3.4 VCCS – Thomas Nelson Community College – New Digital Campus Sign**

The sign is a brushed metal vertical element (12' square, 32' tall) that features the college name and logo as well as two (2) digital display screens.

**Comments: Consider sun exposure in the landscape planning. Recommend adding a coating to the brushed aluminum to keep from rusting. Recommend adding "Community College" (full logo) to signage.**

**Motion: Mr. Pinnock**

**Second: Ms. Wilson**

**Final approval with comments.**

**3.5 VCCS – Patrick Henry Community College – Renovate Motorsports/Workforce Center**

Renovations in Building #1 are minimal, providing only for the relocation of the Parts Cleaning Wash Bay to the General Machine area and the correction in the floor elevation change at the 2nd Floor of the existing Mezzanine (i.e. convert single step to ADA Accessible Ramp). The modifications in Building #2 include the relocation of the PHCC - Motorsports Program to the North Bay of the building, an area formerly occupied by Arrington Motorsports. The new PHCC - STEM Programs will then occupy the Center Bay, formerly PHCC – Motorsports, and the PHCC - Workforce Development Programs will be located in the South Bay.

**Comments: Consider foot traffic circulation through parking lot in landscape planning – low maintenance. Provide clear sidewalk pathway for pedestrians. No planting in beds under canopy – take out planter entirely. Consider bring hardscape out to curbs edge. Letters on canopy entry signage should read as individual letters. Building brick should be painted to work with material color and finish of addition.**

**Motion: Mr. Mills**

**Second: Mr. Bond**

**Final approval with comments. Board would like to see final landscape plan.**

**(4.0 – 5.0 next page)**

**4.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*\*Next AARB Meeting is Friday, August 7<sup>th</sup>.**

**5.0 MEETING ADJOURNED**

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

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

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

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Date

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

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Date