

Art and Architectural Review Board

Minutes

October 7, 2016

The Branch Museum

2501 Monument Ave, Richmond, VA 23220

1.0 ADMINISTRATION

10:00am

1.1 CALL TO ORDER

Present: Calder Loth, Bob Mills, Burt Pinnock, Donna Tuten, Helen Wilson
Not Present: Sandy Bond

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.
No Public Comment.

1.3 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: Ms. Tuten
Second: Mr. Pinnock
Recommend Approval of Minutes from September 2nd 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. Pinnock

Comments: Ms. Wilson recused from items 2.9 and 2.10. Item 2.6 was withdrawn by agency.

2.1 Va Tech – Demolition of English Field Pressbox & Bleachers (Grandstand) – Va Tech Campus

2.2 VCCS – John Tyler CC – Moyar Hall Window Replacement – Chester Campus
The new storefronts shall not change the appearance of the existing facades. Mullion profiles will match existing and finish will be dark bronze anodized to match existing.

2.3 Department of Corrections – James River Water Tank Demolition and Replacement – Goochland County

The project will demolish the existing 0.3 million gallon elevated water tank and replace with a 1 million gallon composite concrete and steel elevated water storage tank to an overflow elevation of 455-ft above mean sea level, which is approximately 21 feet higher than the existing elevated tank. The new tank will be painted to a similar shade of blue as the existing tank or slightly lighter.

2.4 VDOT – Bus Shelter Installation – Exit 140 Park & Ride Roanoke County
Two new bus shelters will be installed as part of the work for anticipated commuter patronage. Measuring 12.5' long x 6' wide x 7' high with two (2) 37" doorways, it will have a total of 11 windows (3 front/6 rear/2 each side). All structural frame and window frame members shall consist of extruded aluminum alloy.

2.5 Frontier Culture Museum of Virginia –1820's American Barn – Staunton
The new barn is two stories. The lower level will be poured concrete with stone veneer inside and out. The upper level will be log construction. The roof will be covered with cedar shakes which are consistent with the construction practices of the time period.

~~**2.6 VCCS – Thomas Nelson Community College – Pedestrian Bridge Replacement Hampton Campus**~~
~~The demolition of current wooden pedestrian bridge and the construction of a new 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.~~

2.7 Old Dominion University – Baseball Stadium Field Club Deck – Norfolk Campus
The ODU Baseball field club patio deck is very simple in form and provides a great casual location to watch a baseball game. The design elements take queues from venues nearby and look to fit in well within the existing complex and campus surroundings. The railings are detailed to match the nearby ODU Sailing Center, the roof form comes from the ODU Administration Building, and the color of the roof panels and metal wall panels of the concession structure shall matching the adjacent ODU Baseball Batting Cage Building.

2.8 Old Dominion University – New Child Study Center – Norfolk Campus
****Previously reviewed at September 2, 2016 meeting with the following comments: Board recommends that the utility lines along corridor and associated with this building be moved underground. Consider using different building and landscape materials to soften yet express the back of the building. Consider using different lighting fixtures on the front columns of the building.***

Motion: Mr. Pinnock

Second: Mr. Mills

Conceptual approval. University to return with further developed design, selected building materials, final landscape plan and final parking plan for final approval.

University response to previous board comments:

The university is working with Virginia Power on costing the utility relocations to underground. The university prefers to keep the rear design as is, but are working to “soften” the landscape plans. The light fixtures on front columns are not lights, but details in the brick.

2.9 University of Virginia – Judge Advocate General’s School Picnic Pavilion – Charlottesville Campus

The pavilion consists of a concrete slab and steel structure supporting a shed roof with cedar ceiling, recessed LED can lights, and fans. The brick pier provides a surface for presentations and acts as a focal point for the pavilion.

2.10 University of Virginia – Judge Advocate General’s School Guardhouse – Charlottesville Campus

The guardhouse consists of a concrete slab-on-grade supporting pre-manufactured steel structure with brick veneer. The steel pre-manufactured unit will be painted to match the color of the painted concrete on the existing JAG School building. The unit meets a level 3 ballistic rating.

3.0 PROJECT REVIEWS

3.1 VCCS - Lord Fairfax Community College – Eleanor C & William Hazel Academic Building – Fauquier Campus

Two story masonry blended roman brick / block (field) with bonding and color in context with existing campus buildings; metal panel accents; and a mixture of curtain wall and storefronts. The building takes its form in reaction to the campus plan and the distribution of the building functions in relation to that plan. It features a two-story atrium as a central organizing space joining a double loaded rectangular (academic) bar west of the atrium, to a multi-purpose room east of the atrium. Flat roofs and parapets with sloped-roofs defining important building features and creating volume to accept natural light and enhance viewing opportunities to and from the campus and community.

Comments: Consider extending seat wall to plaza edge, eliminating grass strip. Reconsider number of sloped roofs and overall roof profiles in general. Sloped roof used best in signifying entry. Consider toning down the colored panels on right wing and simplifying window paneling. Consider making/extending parapet on southwest wall. Consider use of landscape grasses that require less maintenance.

Motion: Mr. Pinnock

Second: Mr. Mills

Conceptual approval. Agency to return with further developed design concepts and selected materials.

3.2 Longwood University – Construct University Center - Farmville Campus

This building will replace Lanford Union which was demolished two years ago (demolition approved by AARB in 2011). This will be new 3-story building due to the existing topography. There will be 3 stories facing Wheeler Mall and 2 stories on Madison Commons. The building's exterior walls will be clad in the modular face brick prevalent throughout campus. Architectural elements such as pilasters and entablatures will be in architectural precast concrete and glass fiber reinforced concrete. Windows and entry doors will be aluminum frame with simulated divided lites in keeping with the historic buildings on campus. Brick detailing will include rustication on the ground level, a modified Flemish 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 architectural precast concrete. Fluted columns at the north portico will be fabricated as precast concrete. Sloped roofs will be standing-seam metal while flat roofs will utilize a fully adhered TPO membrane system. Exterior walls will be constructed of cold formed metal studs with exterior sheathing, a fluid-applied air and vapor barrier, and mineral wool board insulation. Glazing is proposed as insulating units with low-E coating. Skylights will be Kalwall or similar translucent panel systems.

Comments: Consider extending horizontal string course of light/white brick bands all the way around building. Consider use of lighter red brick on interior of outdoor window framing. Consider using cast stone or brick in fill around pilasters on east elevation.

Motion: Mr. Pinnock

Second: Mr. Mills

Final approval as submitted.

3.3 James Madison University – Mason Street Parking Deck – Hotel Walkway – Harrisonburg Campus

The project is an exterior, covered walkway connecting an existing parking deck to a future hotel, currently under design. The walkway takes an L-shaped form with pavilions at the ends and colonnade between. The design employs CMU with synthetic stucco finish at the pavilions, natural bluestone to match the JMU campus at low walls (or cultured stone to match the future hotel if budget does not allow for bluestone), GFRC columns and pilasters, EIFS cornice and trim, and a standing seam metal roof (materials to match adjacent Madison Hall addition). The walkway bridges an elevation difference of approximately five feet, which is accommodated under the covered walkway by accessible ramps, as well as through an alternate, stepped path, which is outside of the covered walkway. These two paths enclose a new lawn area. An accessible walkway extends south to East Grace Street. The plant palette will be in keeping with the other campus projects in proximity with the walkway.

Comments: Consider using planting boxes or paving the courtyard rather than using a garden that could be impacted by pedestrian traffic or storm water. Consider using a solid wall, instead of open air, on walkway that is against hotel wall.

Motion: Mr. Pinnock

Second: Mr. Mills

Final approval. Agency to return if there are any major changes to the design caused by the hotel that is currently being constructed. Agency also to submit a landscape plan for consent agenda.

3.4 Virginia Tech – Baseball Facilities Improvement – Va Tech Campus

****See item 2.1 for demo approval request for current grandstand.***

The existing press box and concession building and the existing 1,030-seat grandstand will be demolished to provide a new ball park facility in its place. The existing team dugouts, playing field and third baseline terrace seating will remain and be incorporated into the new design. The majority of site improvements occur along the first baseline and behind home plate.

The existing press box/concession building and grandstand seating will be demolished and a new 38,760 gross square foot (GSF) ball park facility will be constructed, connected to the existing English Field and the existing left field terrace seating. The main entry leads from Duck Pond Drive to a large archway forming the entry to the park. A ticket booth is immediately to the right of the entry. Passing through the archway leads to the Ground Level Hospitality Concourse incorporating merchandizing, food concessions and restrooms, a 1,226-seat covered Grandstand, three terraced Hospitality Decks with flexible seating under cover, and an open picnic area flanking right field. The ball park building Upper Level will include a Hospitality Concourse linking spaces for press, coaches, scorers and statisticians, as well as four VIP Suites that can be combined into one or several suites. A partial lower level beneath the Hospitality Decks will provide an umpire's dressing room and a field equipment storage space.

Comments: Examine how students and visitors currently enter the ball park in relation to proposed entrance.

Motion: Mr. Mills

Second: Ms. Wilson

Final approval.

4.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS

****Next AARB Meeting is Friday, November 4, 2016.**

5.0

MEETING ADJOURNED

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


Robert S. Mills 11/4/14
Date

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

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


Christopher L. Beschler 12-2-2014
Date

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