

Art and Architectural Review Board

Minutes

June 5, 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: Mr. Pinnock

Recommend Approval of Minutes from the May 2015 AARB Meeting

1.4 OTHER BUSINESS

2.0 CONSENT AGENDA

10:10am

2.1 James Madison University – Demolition of Gibbons Hall

2.2 Department of Game & Inland Fisheries – Demolition of Clubhouse

2.3 Department of Game & Inland Fisheries – Demolition of House

2.4 Virginia Tech – Demolition of Modular Building

2.5 Virginia Tech – Tidewater AREC Greenhouses

Each greenhouse will provide on-site controlled environments for expanded agriculture and horticulture research and production. Each of the two 1,060 gross square foot (GSF) greenhouses will have a translucent membrane cover to provide diffused natural lighting. The floors of the greenhouses will be concrete slab on grade. Large end-wall mechanical ventilating fans will control internal ventilation and exhaust.

2.6 Virginia Tech – Palpatation Barn Addition

The site for the palpation barn addition is within the CMMID complex on Prices Fork Road at the Blacksburg Campus. The addition is to be located adjacent to existing agricultural support buildings and existing agricultural fields. This 2,400 gross square foot (GSF) pre-manufactured addition is planned at the north end of the existing 4,070 GSF CMMID Palpation Barn. The structure will be a wood post frame pre-engineered building with drilled foundation piers and a concrete floor slab.

- 2.7 Department of Juvenile Justice – Hanover Public Safety Training Center – ADA Improvements**
The scope of the design effort is to move and replace an existing non-ADA compliant wood ramp with new ADA concrete ramp and stairs, construct a porch covering, and replace deteriorated brick stairs at adjacent front entry-ways.

Comment: DHR will contact DJJ regarding inappropriate use of porch covering.

- 2.8 George Mason University – David King Hall Parapet Repair**
David King Hall is a three story concrete and masonry lab building centrally located on the Fairfax campus. The roof was replaced with an inverted EPDM roof design identical to the roof it replaced. The roof leaked. GMU decided to provide and fascia which would leave the existing mortar in place while protecting it from the weather.

- 2.9 George Mason University – T-Mobile Antennas at Planetary Hall**
This project consists of installing (3) proposed antenna mounts, (3) proposed antennas, and (3) Remote Radio Units (RRU) to an existing wireless telecommunications facility on the roof of Planetary Hall. The addition of these antennas will provide better service to students, faculty, staff and anyone who visits the George Mason University campus and will help to insure the continued technical viability of this site.

Comment: Section 106 review is required. DHR will contact GMU.

- 2.10 George Mason University – Eagle Bank Arena Exterior Identification Signs**
Exterior identification signage for the soon to be re-named EagleBank Arena (formerly Patriot Center). Signs would consist of face-lit channel letters mounted to the building facade.

Motion: Mr. Pinnock

Second: Mr. Bond

Approval of consent items 2.1 through 2.10, with comments on items 2.7 and 2.9.

3.0 PROJECT REVIEWS

- 3.1 Longwood University – Student Success Center**
The proposed Student Success Center is a two-story building intended to provide academic, financial and career counseling to students. The building's main entrance is

located on the east side of the building, facing Brock Commons, the main campus thoroughfare. The two story structure will be built on a podium. The podium will contain mechanical equipment and storage spaces and will also allow vehicular access to the Brock Commons parking garage. The program areas on the first and second floor occupy approximately 21,000 GSF. The dominant exterior material will be brick with white trim elements that will match the appearance of the traditional Longwood campus aesthetics.

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.

Motion: Mr. Mills

Second: Ms. Bond

Final approval with comments.

3.2 Longwood University – Construct University Center

This is a new 3-story building. 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 lites 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: Reconsider the plants used in landscape master plan.

Motion: Mr. Bond

Second: Mr. Pinnock

Conceptual approval with comments.

3.3 James Madison University – Dining Hall – New Bluestone Campus

Schematic Design presentation previously submitted at the April 3 Meeting. - The Review Board comments and design team responses are as follows:

1. "Study sight lines across historic campus to determine whether dining hall is visible." Based on the modeling of the site and adjacent Bluestone quad area which includes the existing and proposed dining hall there is no visual impact.

2. "Consider tying floating base to body of building, creating outdoor terrace."

Design team added a balcony that bridges and extends from the main level floor to the stone base of the colonnade.

3. "Further study on how the tower (height/width) meets the sky – height, scale, mass, cap."

Design team studied several alternatives and have modified the tower.

Comments: Board prefers the original option 1 of the clock tower design options submitted.

Motion: Mr. Pinnock

Second: Ms. Wilson

Final approval with comments.

3.4 James Madison University – Temporary Retail Dining Hall Facility

This project is for the New Temporary Retail Dining of a 4,041 gross square foot (building only), single story building on an existing green space located on Bluestone Drive. *Building to be a two year, temporary structure.

Motion: Mr. Pinnock

Second: Ms. Bond

Final approval.

3.5 James Madison University – Temporary Residential Dining Hall Facility

This project is for the New Temporary Residential Dining of a 30,000 gross square foot, single story building on an existing parking lot "R1" located on Duke Drive.

The building will be used to relocate students for a period of two years, while the development of Future Gibbons Hall is under construction. *Building to be a two year, temporary structure.

Motion: Mr. Mills

Second: Ms. Wilson

Final approval.

3.6 Virginia War Memorial - Expansion

The Virginia War Memorial has planned a third phase to the existing War Memorial campus to accommodate office suites, gallery, education, and memorial spaces. The new structure will be two stories aligning with the floor levels of the existing building, and occupy approximately 19,500 new square feet split nearly equally between floors. Two full levels and one partial level of parking of up to 200 spaces are proposed for a below ground cast in place concrete parking structure. Most of the new building will have a roof and parapet aligning with the existing building, and be clad primarily in stone and glass in keeping with the material context of the site.

Comments: Reevaluate whether two entrances, as currently designed, are needed. The board recommends one primary entry. Consider setting windows on East

elevation back to create shadow. Consider adding detail/articulation over windows. Look at running primary joints vertically on building rather than horizontally. Consider adding granite finish on all exposed retaining walls and exposed garage facades to match building. If this is not affordable, add green screens to soften concrete walls.

Motion: Mr. Pinnock

Second: Ms. Bond

Conceptual approval with comments.

4.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS

****Next AARB Meeting is Friday, July 10, 2015. *The 2nd Friday of the month.**

5.0 MEETING ADJOURNED