

Art and Architectural Review Board
Minutes
February 7, 2020
Patrick Henry Building, East Reading Room
1111 East Broad Street, Richmond, VA 23219

1.0 ADMINISTRATION

- 10:00am 1.1 CALL TO ORDER
Helen Wilson, Vice-Chair
Absent: Burt Pinnock, Chair, Ian Vaughan
- 1.2 PUBLIC COMMENT
AARB Meetings are open for public comment. Rules for public comment can be obtained from the Director, Department of General Services.
- 1.3 APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Motion to approve: Calder Loth
Second: Helen Wilson
Approved: 4-0
- 1.4 OTHER BUSINESS
Introduction of New Board Member

2.0 CONSENT AGENDA

- 10:10am 2.1 **VMI – Demolition of the Sky Farm “Old House” and Barn**
Pending AARB and DHR approval, the intent of this project is to fully demolish the Sky Farm “Old House” and Barn and restore each footprint back to original green space. These two properties were acquired by Virginia Military Institute in 2005. Constructed circa 1920, the building referred to as the “Old House” is located near the Sky Farm House owned by the Virginia Military Institute. The area of the building is 858 SF and consists of a single story with crawl space. The building is currently unoccupied and has been so for many years. The structure is not safe or stable. The building is a wood frame structure with a metal roof. The building’s substructure is a combination of stone and brick. The substructure is deteriorated and in poor condition. The building includes a wood framed, single story rear porch with a screened wood wall and roof framing. The porch is sagging and deteriorating. The exterior walls are 2”x4” stick frame with clapboard siding. The building includes original exterior painted window units of double hung wood sash frame with original single pane sheet glass and window putty. Some of the windows are broken. Several trees have begun to grow through exterior of the house. Most all of the elements of the architecture are in very poor condition.
- Motion to Approve Consent Agenda: Tom Papa**
Second: Calder Loth
Approved: 4-0

3.0 PROJECT REVIEWS

3.1 UVA – Brandon Avenue Upper Class Student Housing (UCSH) 2

UVA has studied and identified the need for additional upper-class student housing on-Grounds. Due to state mandated enrollment growth over the last ten years, upper class housing has been converted to first-year housing to satisfy the first-year housing requirement. The Brandon Avenue district is being redeveloped as a mixed-use district within Central Grounds. Two separate buildings will define the western street wall of the new Brandon Avenue Green Street while relating to the scale of existing, planned, and future buildings within the University's Brandon Avenue Master Plan district. The heights of the buildings will descend from six to five floors north to south, relating to the scales of South Lawn and the future Student Health & Wellness building, while also responding to the topography and scale of Valley Road to the west. The longer southern building will front directly on the Green Street, maximizing the area available on the western half of its site for a terrace and landscape, taking advantage of the afternoon sun and providing a visual buffer to the adjacent residential neighborhood. The smaller northern building will occupy most of its site, with the northwestern corner carved away to form a welcoming plaza connecting to the South Lawn complex.

Motion for Final Approval: Tom Papa

Second: Donna Jackson

Approved: 4-0

3.2 JMU – Renovations and Additions to Sentara Park Lacrosse and Soccer Facility

This project is the 1st Phase of a 2 Phase project. Phase 1 consists of two separate standalone buildings that will flank both ends the existing Sentara Park stadium spectator bleachers. The 1-story structures are approximately 2,400 SF and 2,880 SF and will feature the exterior architectural vocabulary of the existing JMU Athletic and UREC buildings located at the Park. Building 1 will contain the Visitor's Team locker room, Field storage and the Stadium Concessions unit. Building 2 will contain the Home Team locker room and a Sports Medicine Clinic space.

Motion for Final Approval: Tom Papa

Second: Calder Loth

Approved: 4-0

3.3 VT – Research and Demonstrations Facility ADA Restroom Facility

This project is in support of the concept presented to the AARB in June 2019 titled "Research Demonstration Facility Research Proposal". The project consists of a low-slope roof, prefabricated concrete structure to hold restrooms for the facility, allowing the College of Architecture and Urban Studies (CAUS) to operate more effectively in its primary design and build laboratory. The Research and Demonstration Facility provides approximately 11,000 square feet of space for research, including workshop areas, a seminar/lecture room, a digital fabrication/robotics lab, a test cell facility for wall constructions, and testing laboratories for indoor air quality. Since its dedication in the Spring of 1994, the Research + Demonstration Facility, built through a series of construction research projects sponsored by the National Concrete Masonry Association and other industry groups, has become an integral part of the College's academic and research programs, supporting prototype construction and testing at a range of scales from components through full-scale building assemblies.

Motion for Final Approval: Helen Wilson

Second: Tom Papa

Approved: 4-0

3.4 DCR – Widewater State Park – Complete Phase 1 Development

The project is the next phase of expansion at Widewater State Park. The previous phase was reviewed and approved by AARB circa 2015.

The project includes a boat ramp with access road and parking area. Supporting buildings include the following:

- Contact Station – 473 sf, vertical board and batten siding with stone veneer and asphalt shingle roof.
- Restroom Building – 553 sf, vertical board and batten siding and asphalt shingle roof.
- Picnic Shelters (2) – 954 sf, prefabricated wood with glue-lam trusses and asphalt shingle roof.
- Well House - 224 sf, precast concrete building with flat roof.
- Pole Shed – 960 sf, with horizontal siding and asphalt roof

The contact station, restroom building, and well house will be identical to those constructed in the previous phase of Widewater State Park. The picnic shelters and pole shed will be very similar to the same buildings of each type reviewed and approved by AARB at other State Parks.

Comments: Consider incorporating berms as assets/features rather than strictly functional forms.

Motion for Final Approval: Helen Wilson

Second: Tom Papa

Approved: 4-0

4.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS

****Next AARB Meeting is Friday, March 6, 2020. EAST READING ROOM, Patrick Henry Building.**

5.0 MEETING ADJOURNED



Burt Pinnock, AARB Chair



Joe Damico, DGS Director