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
3.1 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.
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