

**Art and Architectural Review Board  
Minutes  
April 5, 2019  
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, Thomas Papa**

- 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: Ian Vaughan**  
**Second: Calder Loth**  
**Passed: 4-0**

- 1.4 OTHER BUSINESS

**2.0 CONSENT AGENDA**

10:10am

- 2.1 **VCCS – Blue Ridge Community College – New Northwest Parking Lot**  
The parking lot will be approximately 180 ft. x 360 ft., paved with asphalt, and have about 200 parking spaces. Lights will be LED fixtures matching the ones on the recently completed parking garage. The college will add plantings after completion as funds become available.
- 2.2 **VCCS – Mountain Empire Community College – Site Lighting Repairs and Improvements**  
Old metal halide & high-pressure sodium floodlights and “shoebox” fixtures will be replaced by modern LED area lights to increase lighting levels, reduce glare, provide more even light distribution, and reduce electricity usage. Existing poles and bases will be reused where possible, and new lights will be added and some existing lights removed where necessary to improve light distribution.

**2.3 VT – Holden Hall Renovation (Demolition Portion)**

This is the demolition portion of the Holden Hall Renovation project. This is an approximately 101,000 gross square foot renovation and new construction project. The 1040's-era southern wing of the facility will be renovated, with the north and east wings replacing two existing, dilapidated wings (which will be demolished). The facility will provide highly collaborative, thematically clustered spaces as well as create a showcase venue for the Department of Materials Science and Engineering (MSE) and the Department of Mining and Minerals (MME). MSE is currently distributed across campus and the expansion and renovation will allow consolidation of the program and provide better integration of undergraduates. MME is one of the largest programs of its type in the U.S. and consistently ranks in the top ten nationally. The project will allow MME to co-locate and optimize laboratories in an innovative setting, including high-bay mock mine and robotics/automation laboratories.

**DHR reviewed and an MOU is in place.**

**2.4 VT – Holden Hall Renovation and New Construction – Previously presented January 4, 2019 (Board made recommendations – see Project Data Sheet for AARB History)**

This is the new construction and renovation portion of the Holden Hall Renovation Project. This is an approximately 101,000 gross square foot renovation and new construction project. The 1040's-era southern wing of the facility will be renovated, with the north and east wings replacing two existing, dilapidated wings (which will be demolished). The facility will provide highly collaborative, thematically clustered spaces as well as create a showcase venue for the Department of Materials Science and Engineering (MSE) and the Department of Mining and Minerals (MME). MSE is currently distributed across campus and the expansion and renovation will allow consolidation of the program and provide better integration of undergraduates. MME is one of the largest programs of its type in the U.S. and consistently ranks in the top ten nationally. The project will allow MME to co-locate and optimize laboratories in an innovative setting, including high-bay mock mine and robotics/automation laboratories.

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**2.5 VT – Congressman Hall Canopy Addition**

This canopy addition aims to reduce water infiltration into the 4H Congressman Hall Conference Center by constructing a roof extension canopy along the full length of the building to cover the upper level porch along the rear of the building to protect the exposed veneer from direct weathering and water intrusion. The Canopy is to be constructed with a gutter and downspout system on the entire length of the proposed canopy.

**2.6 VT – Cochrane West End Market Generator**

Installation of New Generator to serve Cochrane Hall West End Market Dining Facility during power outages. The generator is to be installed on the existing concrete slab. The generator will be enclosed with 10' high screens to match existing screens at the compactor grate will flank the generator. These screens are supported by 6" square steel fence posts which are 10' high. New Bollards will be installed on the access side separating the generator from the future dumpsters. The dumpsters will be placed in front of bollards.

**2.7 RU – Removal of ITR Modular Buildings**

Remove three (3) existing one story prefabricated industrialized buildings used as office and computer repair space. Offices will be relocated to Walker Hall on main campus in an effort to provide departmental cohesiveness.

**2.8 VCCS – John Tyler Community College – Bird Hall Renovation and Nicholas Center Renovation/Addition – Previously presented and approved December 2, 2016**

The Nicholas Student Center is one of two existing buildings within the scope of project 260-18209-000 on the John Tyler Community College's (JTCC) Chester Campus. Full project AARB approval was received at the 12/2/2016 meeting. As part of the presentation to the AARB, the exterior signage on the northeast addition of the Nicholas Student Center was a representative concept. Since the AARB approval in December of 2016, JTCC's Foundation identified an individual for naming rights for JTCC's Community College Workforce Alliance's (CCWA) addition on the Nicholas Student Center (William H. Talley III). Below you will find the newly developed exterior signage design, which will replace the previously approved signage by AARB on 12/2/2016.

**2.9 GMU– Fairfax Campus – Memorial to the Enslaved People of GMU/Construct Utilities Distribution System/Wilkins Plaza**

The Memorial affects 200 sf of the larger 6.47 acre project (of which the Wilkins Plaza encompasses 1.26 acres). The exterior materials consist of bronze panels and granite paving/plaques. The Memorial is composed of two main components: George Mason statue base modifications – granite plaques will be embedded into four sides of the existing brick base of the George Mason statue. Each of these four sides will provide a quotation from one of George Mason's writings. Together these excerpts provide a more-nuanced picture of Mason's legacy for discussion and consideration. Additionally, a bronze casting of a brick is incorporated into the base of the statue. This is a replica of a brick at Gunston Hall (Mason's plantation home), which features the fingerprints of the enslaved laborer who made it. The incorporation of this brick symbolizes the fact that Mason's standing in society was built upon the foundation of slavery. Additionally, students traditionally rub the shoe of Mason's statue on the way to commencement exercises; this brick provides an alternate touchpoint. Bronze figure panels – To provide additional context to Mason's legacy, it was import for GMU to recognize the lives of the individual enslaved people held at Gunston Hall. This has been done through the use of bronze

panels that relate both in materiality and in form back to Mason's statue. Each pair of panels focuses on telling the story of one enslaved individual – Penny and James. Each figure then faces an opposite cut out that aligns with George Mason's statue. Viewers are prompted to view the relationship between these figures and the Mason statue, and consider how power balances have changes from Mason's time until today. Additionally, the panels list the names of all the known individuals enslaved at Gunston Hall.

**Comments: Consider context explanations, consider placing ground markers or prompts to direct viewers back to the "Hidden Voice" and consider the stability and maintenance of the bronze statues.**

**Motion for Final Approval: Lindsey Brittain**

**Second: Ian Vaughan**

**Passed: 4/0**

### **2.10 VMI – Post Infrastructure Improvements – Post Police**

Under the Post Infrastructure Improvements project, the existing building at 301 Letcher Avenue that houses Post Police is being demolished and a new structure for Post Police will be constructed on the same lot. This submittal is for a temporary modular metal building (industrialized building), in four segments, that will be used to house the Post Police during construction of the new building. The modular building will be located adjacent to Hinty Hall (110 Hines Lane, Lexington, VA), behind the perimeter fence; see exhibits 2 and 3, and the attached site plan. The modular building will be a single story of approximately 2,800 GSF with a metal hip roof. Access to the building will be provided by stairs and an ADA accessible ramp, with ADA accessible parking in the existing parking lot adjacent to the proposed site.

**Motion to move 2.9 GMU to Regular Agenda: Helen Wilson**

**Second: Lindsey Brittain**

**Passed 4/0**

**Motion to Approve Consent Agenda Items 2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 2.4, 2.5, 2.6, 2.7, 2.8 & 2.10: Helen Wilson**

**Second: Ian Vaughan**

**Passed: 4/0**

## **3.0 PROJECT REVIEWS**

### **3.1 VT – Master Plan**

The university has prepared a campus master plan to guide the physical development of the Blacksburg campus through 2047. The plan sets out a vision that builds off the goals, objectives, and aspirations of the 2016 Beyond Boundaries visioning process. In addition, this plan sets forth principles for smart growth while preserving and enhancing the unique character of the main campus. This plan incorporated a much deeper analysis of supporting

infrastructure – including transportation, accessibility, utilities, and storm water – as well as assets outside Montgomery County, Virginia than previous plans. Given the extensive nature of this plan, and the multiple visioning and strategic planning processes occurring in tandem with the plan’s development, a few subcomponents are still undergoing refinement, including plans for the Roanoke Health Sciences and Technology District and the National Capital Region. However, the plan for core campus has undergone extensive review from a wide variety of stakeholders. Approximately 200 meetings have been conducted with students, faculty, staff, alumni, and local community members to gather input on the plan and the plan had transformed significantly through multiple drafts as feedback was incorporated.

**Presented for Informational Review Only**

**3.2 VT – Rec Sports Venture Out**

The Venture Out Program is a function of Recreational Sports at Virginia Tech. Venture Out serves to provide fun, safe, and educational outdoor services to students, faculty, staff, and community members including the recent high-ropes challenge course. The proposed project improves student engagement in active recreation. The existing facility provides insufficient space for all necessary functions. The new 6,500 square foot facility will serve as a venue for both indoor climbing and the rental of equipment for other outdoor sports. It will also provide staff with improved office and conference space necessary to administer these programs. A new common area, outdoor pavilion, and renovation of the existing structure for storage comprises the majority of the program for this project. The common area (1,700 square feet) provides space for indoor bouldering (low-height rock climbing). The pavilion (1,850 square feet) provides space for outdoor events and activities. The storage area (1,700 square feet) will provide enhanced capacity to hold outdoor equipment rented to students. The remaining 1,250 square feet of the program represents conference, office, laundry, and support uses.

**Comments: Reconsider arch at entrance and the water table height at the downspouts. Submit design refinements along with landscape plan for consent agenda.**

**Motion for Final Approval: Helen Wilson**

**Second: Lindsey Brittain**

**Passed 4/0**

**3.3 JMU – Jackson Hall Renovations – Previously approved in December, BCOM changed the design**

Interior renovations and elevator/stair tower addition to an existing historical building. Jackson Hall was built in 1909 as a three story, approximately 5,000 sq. ft. per floor dormitory. Interior spaces will be reconfigured and receive all new finishes. Accessibility to the building will be addressed as part of the

renovations (addition of handicap parking spaces, access to the building and ramp connecting to existing main pedestrian path).

**Comments: Consider roof revisions to tie the main building and the extension together. Consider making the windows on the back side larger to provide more light and match existing main building double windows. Consider inserting blank single windows on sides of tower. Submit design revisions for consent agenda.**

**Motion for Final Approval: Calder Loth**

**Second: Ian Vaughan**

**Passed: 4/0**

- 3.4 VCCS – Northern Virginia Community College – Renovate Seefeldt Building**  
The Seefeldt Building was constructed in 1978 and 1990, totaling 141,465 gross square feet. The Phase 1 envelope is stucco on metal studs, and the Phase 2 envelope is EIFS wall panels. The building contains classrooms, administrative space, offices, labs, library, and cafeteria. This project will be a comprehensive renovation that will include reconfiguration and modernization of all spaces, new finishes, ceilings, flooring, casework and replacement of all major building components. The design for renovation will include an analysis of the building envelope and slab for moisture infiltration. The scope will include such items as replacing or modifying plumbing and electrical and lighting systems, building automation, fire/life safety systems, energy efficiency, ADA compliance and replacing heating, ventilating, and air conditioning (HVAC) units and distribution. Necessary enhancements also include addition of an emergency generator, and upgrades to the technology infrastructure. Doors, windows, louvers and other building envelope penetrations will be replaced with energy efficient components. The entire envelope will be re-worked and repaired as necessary. New windows or clerestory lighting or light monitors may be added to increase the amount of natural light to the interior of the building. A new exterior canopy will be provided at the existing entrance and the new entrance, and 3 new elevators will be added at the exterior walls of the building.

**Comments: Consider revisiting the east side proposed windows and metal tonal pattern, incorporating banding together with the windows for a more organized and rational pattern as is achieved with the other 3 sides of the building. Consider the ground transition of the siding and what effects that will have long term.**

**Motion for Preliminary Approval: Ian Vaughan**

**Second: Lindsey Brittain**

**Passed: 4/0**

**3.5 UVA – Inn at Darden Redevelopment**

The Inn at Darden is a key contributor to the Darden School of Business's top ranked educational experience and, as such, a critical component of the school's strategic master plan. The existing Inn no longer fully supports Darden's mission because of mechanical deficiencies, lack of amenities, and spatial constraints. The redevelopment of the Inn will allow Darden to maintain its top ranked educational experience by providing a superlative residential experience with gracious room accommodations, food and beverage amenities, flexible meeting spaces, and meaningful outdoor experiences that will activate learning opportunities beyond the classroom. The redevelopment of the Inn at Darden will not only support Darden's academic mission, but also serve as a hospitality destination for the greater UVA community and beyond. The proposed design for the Inn at Darden contains 200 guest rooms along with a conference center with 12,000 NSF of meeting space. The total area of the project is 196,000 GSF.

**Comments: Consider reducing the scale of the main building roof. Consider making more direct pedestrian paths for better access. Would like to see material samples and architectural details at next project presentation.**

**Motion for Preliminary Approval: Ian Vaughan**

**Second: Lindsey Brittain**

**Passed: 4/0**

**LUNCH BREAK (30 minutes) Returned at 1:00 pm**

**3.6 VMNH – Jean S. Adams Pavilion**

The 1,645 SF, single story, outdoor pavilion is configured for outdoor educational programming and organization functions and is accessible directly from the museum atrium. The pavilion is positioned between the north and south wings of the existing museum and oriented on the primary atrium axis toward the view southwest across Oakland Street to the 30-acre J. Frank Wilson Memorial Park. The pavilion is covered by a low-slope, rated, steel frame roof supported by rated round steel columns over a scored concrete slab deck with an exposed concrete perimeter retaining wall topped by steel safety railing. The pavilion is connected to the Oakland Street sidewalk, approximately twenty-two feet below, by an existing site stair. The simple material palette of painted steel, railing, and roof trim is reflective of the informal character of the pavilion and outdoor programming it supports.

**Motion for Final Approval: Lindsey Brittain**

**Second: Ian Vaughan**

**Passed: 4/0**

**3.7 DGS – Morson Row Reuse and Renovations**

The goal of the rehabilitation of the Morson's Row is to bring a property that has deteriorated in disuse, back as a functioning asset of the Department of General Services' real estate holdings. This building will primarily be used as office space for various tenants including Commission of the Arts and others yet to be determined. Other secondary uses will include a check-in area for Capitol Square tours, an event space, and a hospitality suite. The project has been reviewed with Adrienne Birge-Wilson of the Department of Historic Resources, and the agency has stated in a letter that the current proposed design is acceptable.

**Comment: Consider performing paint color analysis to keep with the original exterior color. Consider restoring and replacing missing balconies on front. Submit final exterior colors for consent agenda.**

**Motion for Final Approval: Ian Vaughan**

**Second: Lindsey Brittain**

**Passed: 4/0**

**3.8 DGS – Old City Hall Renovations**

Completed in 1894, Old City Hall is a National Historic Landmark that occupies a prominent site on the north side of Capitol Square. Rising four stories with tower on its northwest corner, the high Victorian Gothic building is constructed of load-bearing granite. The mansard and steep slope roofing are slate, and the low-slope roof sections are currently a membrane roofing system covering the original standing seam copper roofing. The gross floor area is 118,293 square feet. This calculation is taken from the inside face of the exterior walls and excludes the atrium light wells. Each of the main floors (1-4) is approximately 19,500 SF. The project encompasses a comprehensive renovation and renewal of Old City Hall. The building has not been upgraded, or significantly modernized, since the early 1980's. Most of the systems and infrastructure are at or nearing the ends of their service life, and this project will address those deficiencies. The project will also address the deterioration and poor condition of the building envelope, including the granite masonry, roofing, skylights, and windows/doors. Although the 1984 renovation was instrumental in preserving the building, aspects of that renovation were not historically accurate. Over time, later alterations and insensitive repairs have created conditions that make the building less desirable as a functional and desirable office building. Put simply, the building today does not reflect the civic icon the building was upon its completion in 1984. The current renovation will renew and restore the

historic spaces and features based on physical evidence and will create a state-of-the-art office environment. (See additional information on date sheet)

**Motion for Final Approval: Lindsey Brittain**

**Second: Ian Vaughan**

**Passed: 4/0**

**4.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*\*Next AARB Meeting is Friday, May 3, 2019. (WEST READING ROOM).**

**5.0 MEETING ADJOURNED**



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Burt Pinnock, AARB Chairman



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Joe Damico, Director, DGS

