

Art and Architectural Review Board
Minutes
January 4, 2019
Patrick Henry Building, East Reading Room
1111 East Broad Street, Richmond, VA 23219

1.0 ADMINISTRATION

- 10:00am 1.1 CALL TO ORDER
Burt Pinnock, Chair
- 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 with change
Motion – Ian Vaughan
Second – Helen Wilson
Passed 5-0
- 1.4 OTHER BUSINESS

2.0 CONSENT AGENDA

- 10:10am 2.1 **Science Museum of Virginia - Signage**
Exterior sign project, roughly 5 ft. wide x 10 ft. high x 12 in. depth. The sign background is painted metal that matches the color of the bronze corrugated metal of Dewey Gottwald Center, The top and bottom portions mimic the silver and pewter Centria Metal panels of the Dewey Gottwald Center façade. The bottom portion is flanked with a similar ground cover that is currently planted in front of the Dewey Gottwald Center. The slight separation between top and bottom is matte black. The letters “Dewey Gottwald Center” are proposed to be LED, illuminated aluminum painted metal channel letters that match the current signage on the building façade.
- 2.2 **DOC – Virginia Department of Corrections – Trailer Demolition**
The trailer, building #18, is a one-story modular unit constructed and installed circa 1972 that contains approximately 720 square feet of area. The building is a Mobile Home type trailer which is now functioning as storage space only.
- 2.3 **VSP – Department of State Police – New DGIF Monopole, DGIF Headquarters**
New 150 foot tall monopole communications tower to support the communications network for the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries headquarters and dispatch center.

2.4 Norfolk State University – New Residential Facility - Previously presented March 2, April 6 and Final approval June 1, 2018

The project is split into two phases with a total of 740 beds and 199,461 square feet. Phase One contains 600 beds in three massing elements composed of two flanking four-story residential structures (North and South Halls) around a central two-story element containing the amenities having an area of 164,349 Square feet. Phase two contains 140 beds in a single massing element composed of a four-story residential structure connected to the east end of the North Hall with an area of 35,112 square feet.

2.5 VDOT – Virginia Department of Transportation – Benjamin Harrison Bridge Generator Replacement

The project is the replacement of the existing generator with a new generator within a structure. The new Generator Building will be a 1,400 square foot pre-engineered pre-cast concrete unit elevated above the existing flood plain. The site is located beside Route 156 at Jordon Point near the existing Marina.

2.6 UVA – University of Virginia – Demolition of the University Hall Complex

The University of Virginia has identified the strategic desire to vacate, demolish and ultimately reimagine the current site of the University Hall Complex to address programmatic deficiencies, suboptimal land-use and a strong need for better pedestrian connectivity. The arena portion of University Hall is no longer in use and the locker rooms and administrative offices have been recently relocated into temporary modular facilities just to the south of University Hall. AARB reviewed and approved these temporary modular facilities at the June 2018 meeting. The adjoining support structures of Onesty Hall, the Cage, and Sports Medicine are fully vacated as well. The Virginia Department of Historic Resources has reviewed the request to demolish University Hall and its several supporting structures including Onesty Hall, the Cage and Sports Medicine. UVA and DHR have come to an agreement through a Memorandum of Understanding outlining specific mitigation efforts the University will undertake to address and adverse impact demolition will have on the property. The first is an intensive level survey, which has been completed and submitted to DHR. Second, University Hall has been digitally scanned using both LIDAR and photogrammetry technology to capture a highly precise digital representation of the building in its current state. Finally, a commemorative plaque acknowledging University Hall will be incorporated into the design of a future pedestrian promenade that is slated to pass through the current footprint of the north entry of University Hall.

Comments - DHR has an MOU with UVA.

2.7 VDOT – Virginia Department of Transportation - Central Office Decoupling & Mechanical Renovations

Highway Building is 88,000 gross square feet, 5 stories + penthouse (4 stories above grade from Broad Street); constructed in 1939. Expression of “Stripped Classicism”, low-sloped roofs, with limestone, greenstone and granite exterior. On the National Register of Historic Places (Ref. No. 04000270) Virginia Department of Highways Building. An auditorium addition was constructed on the south side in 1963. The only change to the exterior will be three new rooftop HVAC units with pre-finished metal screening. Very little of the top of the screen walls can be seen from street level.

Annex Building is 196,000 gross square feet, 16 stories + penthouse (15 stories above grade, 1 partially below grade). Low-sloped roofs, with exterior of limestone panels with vertical ribbons of windows and spandrels. There will be (4) new 2' x 2' metal wall intake hoods along the limestone wall at the south side of the building. These will be prefinished metal, in a color to match the existing panels as closely as possible. These are along a sidewalk and parking spaces directly on the back side of the building.

2.8 VMI – Virginia Military Institute – Limits Gates and Letcher Avenue Modifications

This project includes new Limits Gates with signage and landscaping, two new crosswalks, and improvements to sidewalks, ramps, and the roadway at Post entrance. The Limits Gates are considered the formal entry to Post. The existing Limits Gates are single pillars, while the new Limits Gates will comprise of larger pillars and flanking signage panels that will provide greater visibility than the existing signage plaque installed. A new paver threshold will be added just beyond the Limits Gates entering Post. These improvements will provide better recognition to the formal Post entry. On street parking will be removed as part of this project. Removal of this parking will allow the sidewalk on the south side of Letcher Avenue to be widened, improving pedestrian access. In addition to the sidewalk widening, entrance ramps to 303, 305, and 309 Letcher will be re-built and improved with new handrails installed. A new crosswalk will be constructed across Letcher Avenue near the intersection with Parade Avenue.

Comments – DHR has not reviewed project.

**Motion to Approve Consent Agenda with Comments – Calder Loth
Second – Lindsey Brittian
Passed – 5-0**

3.0 PROJECT REVIEWS

3.1 VT – Virginia Tech – Improve Kentland Facilities – Previously Presented October 2, 2015

The project includes three new agricultural buildings which will each support space programmatic needs associated with the Dairy Science Research and Instructional Program for animal research and animal instruction. The new buildings include:

- A 12,344 gross square foot (GSF), two-story Metabolic Research laboratory (MRL) which will provide holding areas and laboratories for large animal research at Kentland Farms in Montgomery County;
- A 4,978 GSF Applied Reproduction facility (APR) which will provide student instruction and experience in bovine palpation at the Veterinary College on the Blacksburg Campus;
- A 10,277 GSF Bovine Extension, Teaching and Research facility (BETR) which will provide classrooms and animal holding space, supporting hands-on animal science instruction and research at Plantation Road at the Blacksburg Campus.

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Motion for Final Approval – Helen Wilson
Second – Ian Vaughan
Passed 5-0

3.2 VT – Virginia Tech – Holden Hall Renovation and New Construction – Previously Presented January 5, 2018

This is the new construction and renovation portion of the Holden Hall Renovation Project. Preliminary Design is underway for this approximately 101,000 gross square foot renovation and new construction project. The 1940'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 Engineering (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.

Comments –Consider access doors in the glass connector to further activate the outdoor terrace. Would like to see more detailed drawings of this area. Consider the landscape plan and try to incorporate a path to guide people in. Landscape plan and glass connector drawings to be submitted for consent agenda. DHR reviewed this project and has an MOU with VT due to project's adverse impact.

**Motion for Final Approval with Comments – Helen Wilson
Second – Lindsey Brittian
Passed 5-0**

3.3 RU – Radford University – Center for Adaptive Innovation and Creativity – Previously Presented August 3, 2018

This project will demolish both Porterfield East and West Halls, along with the adjacent McGuffey Hall, and will construct the new 4-story, approximately 197,000 square-foot Center for Adaptive Innovation and Creativity, located in the same general area near the northeast corner of campus. Porterfield Hall was constructed in two phases, the first phase, Porterfield East, was built in 1968 and the second phase, Porterfield West, was built in 1971. The two phases combined are 80,908 square feet. McGuffey Hall is located directly adjacent to Porterfield Hall, and was built in 1952, and consists of 35,943 square feet.

Comments – Consider the landscape/hardscape look of the courtyard and address signage. DHR reviewed and recommended a conditional no adverse impact.

**Motion for Final Approval – Ian Vaughan
Second – Helen Wilson
Passed 5-0**

4.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS

****Next AARB Meeting is Friday, February 1, 2019.**

5.0 MEETING ADJOURNED 11:55

**Motion to Adjourn – Helen Wilson
Second – Lindsey Brittian
Passed 5-0**



Burt Pinnock, AARB Chairman



Joe Damico, DGS Director