

**Art and Architectural Review Board**  
**Minutes**  
**August 7, 2020**  
**Virtual Meeting via ZOOM Webinar**  
1100 Bank Street, Richmond, VA 23219

**1.0 ADMINISTRATION**

- 10:00am
- 1.1 **CALL TO ORDER**  
Burt Pinnock, Chair  
Absent: Donna Jackson
  - 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: Helen Wilson  
Approved: 5-0
  - 1.4 **OTHER BUSINESS**

**2.0 CONSENT AGENDA**

10:10am

- 2.1 **VCCS - Roper Building Sliding Door Replacement, Tidewater CC**  
The existing main entry doors on the Roper Building are currently two double swing doors, the proposed project replaces the entry storefront with a fully automatic sliding door system.
- 2.2 **UVA - Cobb Hall – Demolition of a Portion**  
Built to house the Chemistry Department, Cobb Hall was designed by Walter Dabney Blair and completed in 1917 with funds donated by J. B. Cobb, for whom the building is named. The building was expanded in 1931, with an addition on the south end. The original building was laid out in the form of a “T,” with a central range running north and south. The axial corridor running the depth of this wing broadened at the front entry which is just inside of a monumental hexastyle portico in the Ionic order. Over the entry hall was a large chemistry lecture hall with skylight, while the library occupied the upper level of the east wing. Apart from the 1931 addition and the removal of numerous skylights, the exterior of the building remains substantially intact. The interior has been seriously compromised by numerous later changes, including subdivision of the original laboratories, inserting a mechanical floor within the original two-story lecture hall, and the addition of lowered ceilings. After years of updates and renovations to remain functional, the building can no longer support 21st century laboratory activities. UVA has considered alternatives, but none of the options

were feasible, nor did they meet the program needs of the University. The McIntire School of Commerce expansion project proposes a partial demolition of Cobb Hall. The entire 1931 addition will be removed. The stem of the "T," running north and south will be removed from the original 1917 building. The entry block with monumental portico will remain and will receive a full renovation that will restore the original character to interior spaces, including the two-story lecture hall on the second floor. UVA consulted DHR early in the project. A draft Memorandum of Understanding outlining specific mitigation efforts the University will undertake to address the adverse impact that the demolition will have on the property has been submitted to DHR. Of the requested mitigations, the University has completed an intensive level survey, which has been submitted to DHR. Cobb Hall has had a 3-d digital recording of the exterior and significant features of the interior. In the coming months, the University will take photographs and create measured drawings to fully document the existing interior and exterior.

**2.3 VCU - Blanton House Fire Escape Replacement**

Replacement in kind of a fire escape on the side and rear of the building.

**2.4 NSU - Harrison B. Wilson Building – Install Gas Generator**

Screen enclosure area: 18'- 0" x 30'- 0"= 560 gsf, number of stories: one – enclosure 8'- 0" in height, roof form: no roof – open to sky, exterior materials: brick for enclosure (to match Harrison B. Wilson Hall) and steel swing gate.

**Motion to Approve Consent Agenda: Tom Papa**

**Second: Calder Loth**

**Approved: 6-0**

**Helen Wilson and Rebecca Deeds abstain from 2.2**

**3.0 PROJECT REVIEWS**

**3.1 HRCP – Hampton Roads Bridge Tunnel Expansion**

The project consists of the design and construction of multiple buildings that support the tunnel expansion. All of the support buildings are located on either the North or South Approach Islands. The buildings include Tunnel Ventilation and Gate House structures, Emergency Generator Buildings, Traffic Operations Building, Facility Maintenance Building, Garage Facilities, and a Crash House. All buildings are one story, masonry structures, with the exception of the Ventilation and Gate House buildings. The Vent and Gate House buildings are roughly two stories in height and are clad in a modular precast concrete panel system. All building roofs are low slope with masonry parapet walls at their perimeter. A number of building vestibules and the Traffic Operations Building Control Room have pitched standing seam metal roofs.

**Comments:**

- 1. DHR Review is required**
- 2. Consider a visual distinction for the new buildings and what the motorist as well as mariners will see as a gateway.**

**Motion for Preliminary Approval: Tom Papa**

**Second: Calder Loth**

**Approved: 6-0**

### **3.2 UVA – Physics Building Renewal**

The Physics Building Renewal calls for the comprehensive renovation of approximately 60,000 GSF in both the existing four-story 1950s Physics building along with the two-story 1980s addition. Key elements of the scope of work include replacing existing mechanical systems, all-new electrical wiring, new plumbing, upgraded fire safety infrastructure, renewing the building's envelope, and a new interior layout to meet building code, life safety, and accessibility requirements. The renovated building will provide high-quality space to serve the demands of the University's current and future instructional and research programs. Additional priorities for the project include addressing the University's need for flexible, commodious and carefully planned STEM teaching labs, active learning classrooms, and addressing the University's need for high quality, flexible STEM research space.

#### **Comments:**

- 1. DHR has not yet received**
- 2. Confirm that new window profiles will match existing**
- 3. Confirm that mortar will match existing**

**Motion for Preliminary Approval: Tom Papa**

**Second: Donna Jackson**

**Approved: 4-0 (Wilson, Deeds abstain)**

### **3.3 UVA – McIntire School of Commerce Academic Facility**

In December, 2017, the University of Virginia Board of Visitors approved McIntire School of Commerce academic facility to be constructed adjacent to the school's existing Rouss-Robertson Hall. This new facility, along with targeted renovations to existing Rouss-Robertson Hall, aims to improve existing space for the School of Commerce to maintain its standing as a preeminent global business school, and support continued growth in programs, student enrollment and faculty. The program will include flexible classroom spaces, enhanced study areas, and dynamic labs to foster hands-on learning that includes data analytics visualization, behavioral research, and multimedia analysis. The 98,300 SF project includes the partial demolition of the three-story Cobb Hall, a 24,100 SF renovation of the remaining Cobb Hall and a new four-story, 74,200 SF building to the south. The two buildings will share a newly created outdoor courtyard and are internally connected at the lower levels. In addition to its innovative classrooms, labs, and study spaces, the new facility will house an entry lounge, multipurpose atrium, café and faculty offices. Fitting with the University context, the facility will utilize red brick and black slated, sloped roofing. Together these buildings and the neighboring Rouss & Robertson Halls will complete the McIntire School of Commerce campus programming, adding new spaces for modern and flexible learning.

**Comments:**

1. DHR is ongoing consultation
2. Reconsider details of lintels at window wall at north elevation and at Cobb Hall
3. Consider removing vents at windows and restore to original condition
4. Consider landscaping at ramp

**Motion for Preliminary Approval: Ian Vaughan**

**Second: Tom Papa**

**Approved: 4-0 (Wilson, Deeds abstain)**

**3.4 VT – Core Leadership and Military Science (CLMS) Building**

Located in the Northeast and Upper Quad District, on Old Turner Street, the Corps Leadership and Military Science Building will be home to Virginia Tech's Corps of Cadets administrative staff, Rice Center for Leadership Development, Military Science staff, classrooms and other program needs for the Corps and ROTC training programs. The building will also house the ISERC, which will provide new cyber security classroom spaces. The new building will be three stories plus a basement, comprising 75,000sf. This project will occupy the current site of the Art and Design Learning Center, an existing facility that will be demolished as a part of this project. Adjacent to the west is the site of another capital project, the New Upper Quad Residence Hall, which is also under design.

**Comments:**

1. DHR comments(?)
2. Consider how the façade along Old Turner Street is treated
3. Consider whether Tudor arches are appropriate at entrance in lieu of current design
4. Consider how the tops of the towers can be more compatible with gothic detailing
5. *NOTE: Heraldry is often introduced well into project design and at times during construction or later. The board suggests creating a subcommittee to determine the most appropriate way to review heraldry given the scale and quantity across the campus and the distinct artistic nature.*

**Motion for Preliminary Approval: Tom Papa**

**Second: Helen Wilson**

**Approved: 6-0**

**3.5 VCCS– French Slaughter Building Replacement**

The proposed French Slaughter Replacement Building will be a two-story, 68,999 square foot, new construction replacement of the main building. The project scope includes demolition of the existing 1971-era French Slaughter building and trailers once the new building achieves occupancy. The current building is the only academic building on campus. The new Health Sciences Building will create a new public face for Germanna Community College along Route 3 and on the interior of campus for the perspective students and parents. It will include Administrative, General Classroom,

Biology Labs, Bookstore, Student Lounge and Library functions. The front entry is conceived to be an appropriately configured interior-exterior use of student space and will reinforce master plan initiatives for growth to occur to the East. Major instructional programs supported by the new building are Allied Health Nursing, Dental, Physical Therapy and EMS programs leading directly to employment. The new building will be situated away from Civil War era archeological sites and maximize the use of the current parking lot.

**Motion for FINAL Approval: Helen Wilson**

**Second: Rebecca Deeds**

**Approved: 6-0**

**3.6 DGS– North Drive Security Measures**

North Drive is the primary vehicle access point to Capitol Square. Due to the alignment of North Drive with E. Grace Street across N. Ninth Street, there are security concerns with potential unauthorized vehicle access into Capitol Square. This project is a response to those security concerns. This project will entail installation of new vehicle and pedestrian gates at the E. Ninth Street entrance, along with new retractable bollards in the drive aisle of North Drive. The existing manned Guard House adjacent to the Washington Monument will be replaced with a new Guard House closer to the vehicle street entrance. New paving and landscape materials will be installed as part of this project.

Since the July 10 AARB presentation, DGS worked with a task force team consisting of representative members of AARB, DHR, CSPC and the design team to fine-tune the design details to both the Entry Gate and the Guard Booth. The July 10<sup>th</sup> and updated images are included in this submission along with an updated site plan.

**Motion for FINAL Approval: Helen Wilson**

**Second: Tom Papa**

**Approved: 6-0**

**4.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS**

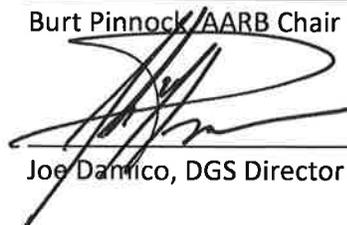
**\*\*Next AARB Meeting is September 11, 2020. (Changed due to Labor Day)**

**5.0 MEETING ADJOURNED**



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Burt Pinnock, AARB Chair



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Joe Danico, DGS Director