

**Art and Architectural Review Board
Minutes**

June 5, 2020

Virtual Meeting via ZOOM

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
Motion: Helen Wilson
Second: Tom Papa
Approved: 6-0

1.4 OTHER BUSINESS

2.0 CONSENT AGENDA

10:10am

2.1 DOC – Security Lobby Expansion – Previously submitted May, 2020
The new lobby security expansion will tie into the existing glass front entrance. The new entrance will provide an approximate 1,200 square feet, single story expansion to serve as the main building entrance and security check point for visitors and employees to VDOC headquarters. Building construction consists of steel column and joist structural frame, aluminum curtain wall and glazing, bullet resistant curtain wall and glazing, custom millwork with ballistic ratings, standing seam metal roofing, metal wall panels, all glass entrance doors, ballistic power sliding entrance doors, gypsum board and acoustical panel ceilings, wet pipe sprinkler system, LED lighting and electrical power and HVAC tie-in. The existing lobby entrance will be renovated upon removal of existing casework and turn-style entrance checks. The front entry sidewalk will be replaced/repair after new building addition has been constructed.

2.2 VMI – Construct Lackey Parking Area
Purpose of the project is to construct a fenced, lighted and paved parking area to accommodate cadet's privately owned vehicles during the academic year and other vehicles, as needed, for special occasions (i.e. graduation, home football games, reunions, etc). Finished project will provide 303 parking spaces, eight handicap parking spaces, four concrete islands with two 6' x 12' pre-manufactured, three sided bus waiting area shelters. Project also includes associated bio-retention basins and access roads.

2.3 VT – Glade Road Poultry Center – ADA Ramp Upgrade, Window & Door Replacement

This project will provide an accessible ramp and ADA parking stall to the entrance of the Glade Road Poultry Center, where an existing ramp does not exist. A portion of the existing sidewalk will be demolished, and the existing landing will be extended to allow for the new ramp with handrails and a van-accessible parking spot. The main entry door and windows will be replaced 'like for like'. New handrails will be installed.

2.4 VT – Veterinary Medicine Research Center – ADA Ramp Upgrade

This project will provide an ADA ramp to the entrance of Building 441A at the Veterinary Medicine Research Center, where an existing ramp does not exist. Portions of the existing sidewalk will be demolished, and the existing landing will be extended to allow for the new ramp. New handrails will be installed, and an existing seat wall will remain. Two ADA wayfinding signs will be installed near existing ADA parking stalls and along the pathway towards the new ramp.

2.4 DGS – Capitol Visitors' Center Skylight and Waterproofing Repair

Construction of the subterranean Virginia Capitol Visitors' Center was completed in 2008 and included many landscaping improvements to the Capitol property. The main plaza at the south portico of the historic Capitol building currently features a bounded checkerboard of granite paving and offers a drive aisle for emergency and service vehicles. A glass-paver skylight centered in this plaza allows natural light to penetrate to a stair rotunda below ground. Unfortunately, this skylight has leaked for many years and has become both a maintenance and safety concern. Numerous attempts to reseal the exposed face of the skylight and replace its broken units have failed, and the skylight is currently fenced off to minimize further damage until it is replaced. This project will replace the true skylight with a simulated skylight on the interior (not shown in this submission) and new structural infill at the existing skylight opening that will allow a new waterproofing membrane to run continuously over the leaky opening.

Motion to Approved Consent Agenda: Helen Wilson

Second: Ian Vaughan

Approved: 6-0

3.0 PROJECT REVIEWS

3.1 ODU – New Health Sciences Building, Phase 1 – Previously presented September 2019

The proposed New Health Sciences Building is a 126,154 gsf, 3 story building with an additional roof level mechanical penthouse. The enclosure is designed to tie back to the existing fabric of materiality on campus. The building skin utilizes an ODU blended brick, precast, curtain wall, and metal panel, the building is composed into a base, middle, top rhythm, creating a harmonious proportion around the entire perimeter.

Comments: Consider coping on top of building if budget allows.

Motion for Final Approval: Ian Vaughan

Second: Helen Wilson

Approved: 6-0

3.2 UVA – Hotel E Staircase

The University of Virginia proposes to add a new staircase and landing at the southern end of the west elevation of the Garden Room (Hotel E Addition), a mid-19th century addition to the Jefferson-designed Hotel E. Two historic photographs show stairs on this elevation. The first is a close-up of a stair at the northern door. The second shows a stair at the southern door with scars where the northern stair has been removed. A pair of historic doors remains in the proposed location. A stair was added at the similar historic northern door opening in the late 1980s/early 1990s, and the proposed new stair will be almost a mirror image of that, although the design will be adapted to meet current building codes. Neither stair recreates the straight run of the historic stair cases. This is not possible because of the current circulation in front of the building – a sidewalk now extends south from the West Range arcade to Garrett Alley. That sidewalk did not exist historically, but is now a significant path of travel around the Lawn; a straight stair would block that path. The proposed stair would reestablish some visual sense on the façade by reactivating the door opening which currently floats inexplicably on the building. It would also recreate the apparent symmetry implied by the pair of door openings. The stair will be built of wood painted to match the trim color throughout the Academical Village (Benjamin Moore Swiss Coffee). The stair treads will be made of Ipe for durability and ease of maintenance, and the treads on the existing stair will be also replaced with Ipe, which has been used throughout the Lawn for stairs and porches for several years. Its weathered gray color recalls the appearance of the painted gray treads which had been used previously, but is easier to maintain. An open metal mesh will be installed behind the rails on the new stair and porch to maintain the visual transparency of the railings while meeting current code. Similarly, a Lexan panel will be placed in front of the southern window on the ground floor to meet code requirements. Because the panel will be largely screened by the new stair, it will have a minimal effect of the appearance of the building. A new light fixture will be added at each door.

Motion for Final Approval: Calder Loth

Second: Donna Jackson

Approved: 5-0

Abstain: Helen Wilson

3.3 VT – New Upper Quad Residence Hall

Located in the Northeast and Upper Quad District, on the corner of Stanger Street and Old Turner Street, the New Upper Quad Residence Hall will expand housing capacity for Virginia Tech Corps of Cadets with the addition of 302 beds. The 70,200 gross square feet, five-story facility provides residential rooms on the upper levels with ground level support spaces. This project will occupy the current site of Femoyer Hall, an existing facility that will be demolished as a part of this project. Adjacent to the east is the site of another capital project, the Corps Leadership and Military Science Building, which is also under design; these projects will be constructed concurrently and managed by a single construction manager at risk. This project builds on the precinct planning initiated in 2012 to repurpose and improve this district through the construction of new facilities, open spaces, amenities and enhancements that reinforce the master plan vision and maintain a competitive edge for the Virginia Tech Corps of Cadets and Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) programs. The New Upper Quad Residence Hall is a five-story residence hall designed to fulfill increased housing capacity needs for the Corps of Cadets. A portal off the intersection of Stanger and Old

Turner will serve as a dual-sided main entry and northern gateway to the Upper Quad, and provides a much-needed accessible approach into the district.

Comments: Consider a better relationship between the courtyard and the future CLMA Building and Plaza. Define the Recreation Space in the courtyard.

Motion for Preliminary Approval: Tom Papa

Second: Calder Loth

Approved: 6-0

3.4 VT – Data and Decision Sciences Building

This project is a transformative academic and physical addition to the northern edge of campus and will enhance the university's capability of translating the growing sea change of data into decisions across multiple disciplines and organizations. The new facility will provide 115,600 gross square feet of instructional, departmental, student study, and support space. Specialty spaces include the Deloitte Analytics and Trading Lab, and a multi-story Commons which will serve as a gathering space, a connector to the future Pamplin College of Business, and provide large classrooms, which are in high demand. The site is augmented with a variety of large and smaller-scale outdoor spaces to extend the collaborative, multi-disciplinary program into the immediate surroundings. D&DS is comprised of two primary components. The first component supports the transdisciplinary teaching and research program of undergraduate instructional classrooms, laboratories, faculty and researcher areas, and other support spaces, all within a U-shaped four-story complex topped with a partial fifth mechanical story. The second component is a multi-story academic commons wing which will provide high-demand large classrooms in tiered configurations.

Comments: The use of the formal courtyard to the east is not clear. The plaza at the tower entry seems inconsistent with the design approach of the other hardscape/landscape areas.

Motion for Preliminary Approval: Burt Pinnock

Second: Tom Papa

Approved: 6-0

3.5 VCU – daVinci Storefront

Renovation of a vacant commercial retail suite located at 1235 W. Broad, on the first floor of the Grace & Broad Residence Center II building at the corner of West Broad and Ryland Streets. The retail suite is 2,533 square feet, and was originally intended for use as a restaurant/deli, but remained vacant since building construction completion in 2015. The retail space will be utilized to support an expansion of the daVinci Center for Innovation Living – Learning Program, currently located in the adjacent first floor suite, supported by the VCU's schools of the Arts and Business and the colleges of Engineering and Humanities and Sciences. The suite will serve as a Retail Lab for students engaged in innovation and entrepreneurship, and provide an opportunity for students to exhibit new products and venture creations while experiencing how those items may be brought to market. Storefront alterations will increase both interior usable space and natural light within a collaborative lounge area located at the interior corner facing both West Broad and Ryland. Two of the proposed alterations will revert to the original building design. Alterations include (A) increase

the size of the storefront glass at the corner, facing West Broad Street, (B) convert a secondary egress door to storefront glass facing Ryland Street and (C) convert a section of storefront glass to a secondary egress door West Broad Street. In addition to the storefront alterations, a new canopy is proposed for installation above the main entrance to incorporate both a permanent brand mark and an interchangeable analog marquee-style sign to highlight this dynamic VCU program. This marquee-style sign will provide an opportunity to showcase student projects from multiple disciplines and provide a unique way to promote both individual and group successes. The signage will call attention to an exciting VCU program that will engage not only the students and faculty in our VCU community, but extend to the Richmond community and beyond.

Motion for Final Approval: Helen Wilson

Second: Tom Papa

Approved: 6-0

4.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS

****Next AARB Meeting is Friday, July 10, 2020.**

5.0 MEETING ADJOURNED



Burt Pinnock, AARB Chair



Joe Damico, DGS Director