Art and Architectural Review Board
Minutes
September 1, 2017
The Branch Museum
2501 Monument Ave, Richmond, VA 23220

1.0 ADMINISTRATION

10:00am 1.1 CALL TO ORDER
Sandy Bond, Calder Loth, Bob Mills, Burt Pinnock, Donna Tuten, Helen Wilson

1.2 PUBLIC COMMENT
AARB Meetings are open for public comment. Rules for public comment can be obtained from the Director, Division of Engineering and Buildings.

1.3 APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Motion: Mr. Bond
Second: Ms. Tuten
Recommend Approval of Minutes from August 4th meeting.

1.4 OTHER BUSINESS

2.0 CONSENT AGENDA

10:10am

2.1 VCU – Strauss Lab – Demolition and Replacement with Temporary Site Stabilizers

2.2 VDOC – Demolition Powhatan Correctional Center Mule Barn
The mule barn is a two-story, brick and wooden frame barn built ca. 1857 located on the grounds of the Powhatan Correctional Center (formerly the State Farm Complex). The barn rests on a brick foundation, had a side-gable roof (now collapsed), and is clad in wood clapboard siding. The project will remove the structure from the site and restore the area to permeable green space.
Comments: DHR signed an MOU with agency, so DHR has approved.

2.3 DBHDS – Piedmont Geriatric Hospital – Install Temporary Office Trailer

2.4 VMI – New Market Battlefield Guest House Renovations – Bushong Residence, Bushong House
Guest House - Planned work includes repairing water damaged and deteriorated wood siding, window sills, exterior trim, replace existing cedar shake roof in-kind, and prepare the exterior for and apply a new paint finish. Bushong House - Planned work includes removal and replacement of transformer, antiquated electrical service to the house and grounds, baseboard heating system, low voltage wiring serving the baseboards, and the existing heat pump units, all with new and code compliant systems. No

architectural modifications are being proposed under this scope of work with the exception of minor cutting, patching, and repair of areas affected by the mechanical and electrical modifications.
Comments: Project to be submitted to DHR for review and approval.

2.5 DGIF – Richmond Headquarters Roof and Replacement Solar Installation
Re-roof the existing building and to add solar arrays on the roof area. The solar panels will be set at a low angle 10 degree anchored to existing screen wall structural framing. The removal of the screening wall is the change in exterior view.
Comments: Subject to DHR review and approval.
Approval of consent items 2.1 through 2.5 with comments.
Motion: Mr. Bond
Second: Ms. Wilson

3.0 PROJECT REVIEWS

3.1 Eastern Virginia Medical School – Education/Academic Administration Building
The New Education/Academic Administration Building for the Eastern Virginia Medical School will consist of approximately 144,000 gross square feet. The proposed structure contains program area intended to expand the institution's educational facilities as well as consolidate numerous academic support departments currently dispersed on and off the EVMS campus. In addition, the facility will contain a garage accommodating approximately 350 parking spaces. The building spans twelve floors consisting of a twelve-story tower and a three story lower podium. Exterior Materials include glazed aluminum curtain wall, precast concrete cladding that emulates limestone, and natural stone accents.
Comments: Reconsider design of sloped parapet as currently shown and how curve at base intersects with curve of tower. Strengthen relationships of site to light rail station by emphasizing stressing street crossing. Consider adding an artistic piece to "Children's Way".
Motion: Mr. Bond
Second: Ms. Tuten
Conceptual approval. Agency to return with further developed design, proposed materials samples and proposed landscape plan.

3.2 Fort Monroe Visitor & Education Center (previously submitted under "Fort Monroe Visitor Center")
Previously submitted at March 3, 2017 meeting. Conceptual approval was given. Agency to return with further development of design including proposed materials and landscape plan.
Agency response to previous board comments:
Agency has returned with further development of the design.
The proposed design seeks to both respect and enhance the character of the existing structure, while providing key amenities necessary for the new public

function of Building 138. Two modest additions are proposed to the rear of the facility, to show deference to the original structure while capitalizing on the site orientation for views and visitor access. The new additions will be of a similar vernacular and materials (brick and precast). Glass/precast insets will be utilized to differentiate the original building from the new additions.
Comments: Consider unifying the landscape design at the entrance.
Motion: Mr. Mills
Second: Mr. Bond
Final approval.

3.3 JMU – East Campus Student Housing

This project is for the construction of a 151,000-square foot, 500-bed residence hall. The site is located in the Ridge Area of East Campus. It is situated on the existing UREC Softball field, south of the University Recreation Center and bounded by University Boulevard and Driver Drive. The long-term plan includes the construction of another 500-bed residence hall that would be located to the south of this building. The primary goal of the project is to create a strong sense of community among the residents, at all scales, throughout the building. Due to its somewhat remote location, it is equally as important to create a sense of "destination", through architectural expression and amenities, making the building a desirable place to be on campus. A generous amount of space on the first-floor level will be dedicated to creating a dynamic environment that encourages the residents to interact, socially and academically. It will generally include classrooms, group study rooms, a Learning Commons and a "Common House". On occasion, the Common House will be available to host gatherings such as speaking events but will otherwise act as the primary Lounge for the building. These spaces will be available to the residents at all times. The remainder of the building will have a variety of single bedrooms and double occupancy bedrooms with adjacent community lounges and study rooms.
Comments: The conceptual design as presented reads as one large building that is somewhat sterile in appearance. Consider design methods to breakdown scale of project visually. Consider further articulation of openings around windows. Consider using material change to breakdown scale and make building feel more residential. Consider accentuating center entry feature to breakdown scale.
Motion: Mr. Pinnock
Second: Mr. Bond
Conceptual approval with comments. Agency to return with further developed design, proposed materials samples and proposed landscape plan.

3.4 Department of General Services – New General Assembly Building

The new building will consist of 426,000 gsf with 14 stories above grade, plus a mechanical attic, and a single basement level. A tunnel running under 9th street will connect the new GAB with the new 9th street parking garage.
In deference to the high-quality craftsmanship, and historic significance of the 1912 building, the existing South and East facades will be preserved and

incorporated into the design of the new building. The height of the bottom 4 stories of the new building is established by the height of the existing 1912 façade, and thus maintains the notable datum line that runs through a number of the existing historical buildings on Capitol Square. The building will step in above the 4th floor, marking the 'tower' portion of the new building. The building program is reflected in the proposed massing with the large committee rooms, and more public functions occupying the lower 4 levels, while the House and Senate members' offices and legislative support agencies will occupy the 'tower floors'. The upper 3 floors of the tower are stepped slightly inwards towards the top, to provide a graceful massing characteristic of some of the traditional architecture that can be found in Richmond.
The key exterior building material will be masonry, specific type to be determined at a later date. Windows, doors, and grilles will be painted aluminum, in a simulated bronze color. The landscape area to the south of the building (Darden Garden) will largely consist of brick, with cast stone accent pavers, steps, and low retaining walls.
Comments: The board supports the conceptual design as submitted. This includes the use of materials including simulated materials as submitted.
Motion: Mr. Mills
Second: Mr. Bond
Conceptual approval as submitted. Agency to return with further developed design, proposed landscape plan and proposed material samples.

4.0 Board voted to re-elect Robert Mills and Chairman and Burt Pinnock as Vice Chair for the upcoming year.

5.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS
Next AARB Meeting is Friday, **October 6, 2017.

6.0 MEETING ADJOURNED

Minutes Approved as AARB Advice and Counsel:

Robert S. Mills 10/6/17

Robert S. Mills, FAIA, CID **Date**
Chairman
Art and Architectural Review Board

Approved as the Governor's Designee:

10-12-2017

Christopher L. Beschler **Date**
Director
Department of General Services