Art and Architectural Review Board
Minutes
December 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, 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 November 3rd meeting

1.4 OTHER BUSINESS

2.0 CONSENT AGENDA

10:10am

2.1 VA Tech – Vet Med IDU Chilled Water Upgrades
The project scope includes demolition of the existing CMU screen wall, removal of the existing chiller, installation of a new chiller, and installation of a new screen wall. The new screen wall is proposed to be constructed of a neutral colored, maintenance free material. The proposed screen wall is approximately the same dimensions as the existing screen wall: 12 feet in height, by 14 feet by 22 feet.

2.2 VCCS – Blue Ridge Community College –Building Envelope Repairs
Maintenance repairs to existing brick masonry buildings, including re-anchoring brick and repointing mortar joints. Deteriorated mortar will be carefully cut out to maintain joint width, and new mortar will match existing as closely as possible. The only visual change will be covering deteriorated louvers in the penthouse with metal panels.

2.3 Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services- Wilson Workforce & Rehabilitative Services – Renovation of Anderson Vocational Training Building
Exterior work to match existing.

2.4 Department of Veterans Services – Hampton Roads Veterans Care Center – Additional beds
Change to the maximum number of rooms per household in order to increase efficiency with staff to resident ratio of eight residents to one nursing staff.

This culminated in a design change that modified the building layout where four (4) sixteen (16) bed households would be utilized in lieu of six (6) ten (10) bed households. In so doing, the number of beds increased from 120 beds to 128 beds. The efficiency also reduced the building area by approximately 12,000 square feet. Because of this change we are resubmitting the design documents for approval and because the materials and building design is substantially the same, we are also requesting to be considered for the consent agenda.
Comments: Projects to be submitted to DHR for review

2.5 Department of Veterans Services – Puller Veterans Care Center – Additional beds

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2.6 Department of State Police – Install Mobile Office Trailers

Installation of five mobile office trailer units that will be connected to make on temporary mobile office unit to serve the Department of State Police as temporary administrative office space.

2.7 Department of State Police – New Warrenton Area Office

Construction of a previously proto-type design building containing of administrative type space. Building exterior contains combination of cement type siding and masonry construction with standing metal roofing. Building has previously been constructed at two different Commonwealth's sites.
Comments: If the blue roof is not a prototype standard, consider a roof color that is more subdued and closer to color façade color. Board also requests that agency submit a site plan showing placement of building, site entry, parking lot, etc. to both AARB and VCCS for approval.

2.8 UVA – Pinn Hall Envelope Improvements

This project takes direction from the existing structure and only modifies the size of the windows in an effort to increase daylighting to the research labs in the interior. Any masonry work as a result of enlarging the windows will match the existing structure.

2.9 Department of General Services – Virginia Women's Monument Plaza

Previously submitted at the October 6, 2017 meeting: Final approval as submitted with the following comments: Consider shortening the horizontal depth of top granite block on which etched glass panels site in order to make the panels more readable. Further examine size and scale of sundial and its

base – base appears too large in relationship to sundial.
Agency response to Board comments:
Revised site per comments on slope to the south of the monument.

Motion: Mr. Bond
Second: Mr. Mills
Approval of consent items 2.1 through 2.9 with comments.
Ms. Wilson recused from item 2.8

3.0 PROJECT REVIEWS

3.1 Longwood University – Admissions Building

Previously Approved: The project is approximately 21,000 GSF of new construction, housed in two stories above grade. The proposed materials continue the traditional campus palette using red brick, white simulated-wood rim, precast concrete window sills, with a simulated-slate roof to match the existing residential fabric. Also included in the project is a visitor parking lot to accommodate 28 parking spaces and a small outdoor courtyard to orchestrate campus tours leaving the building.

Comments: Project is to be submitted to DHR for review. Recommend further review of proposed text at base. Landscape design approved as submitted.
Motion: Ms. Wilson
Second: Ms. Tuten
Final approval of project as submitted

3.2 JMU – Phillps Dining Hall

Previously submitted at the July 7, 2017 meeting with the following comments:
Consider Sun Exposure on South/Southwestern side of building and how to control glare and heat gain. Current design reads as 'glass box'. Consider using materials familiar with campus that will tie this design to JMU specifically – materials such as bluestone. Consider making new building more contextual and compatible with the older buildings on campus.
Agency Response to Comments:
The revised design has added opaque and highly insulated walls at the Southwest and Western side of the building as a way of mitigating heat gain. The new design also incorporates mid to tall height landscape as well as exterior umbrellas at the southern portion of the site as a way of shading exterior southern seating areas and portions of the southern façade. As part of an ongoing discussion with JMU and contingent on project costs, the design team and JMU are studying options for possibly extending the roof slab slightly further out on the SouthEast façade as a way of providing additional shading from southern summer sunlight.
The new design aims to further connect with the existing campus' material fabric of bluestone and EIFS by providing additional façade areas of bluestone and highly insulated finished surfaces and eliminating the 'glass box' presented in the previous design.
The design attempts to further connect to the existing campus' material and form context not simply by its use of similar exterior finishes such as bluestone, but also by its material, colors and overall hardscape and landscape designs. In addition, the

new building design also aims to contextualize itself by way of its clean geometrical form lines. Form lines that can be compared to and are reflected from the orthogonal, pure lines of existing campus buildings such as the Carrier Library directly adjacent the project's site; as well as many other existing buildings whose formal expressions echo those of the new Phillips Dining Hall. Existing campus buildings such as the Chandler Hall, Convocation Center, Festival Student Conference Center, ISAT/CS Building, Physics-Chemistry Building, University Recreation Center and many others throughout the campus.

Comments: Considering adding overhang of roof on southwest facade to provide additional shading. Consider running the proposed exterior paving through the spine of the building. Consider adding canopy at east elevation entry to signify entry. Consider upgrading EIFS material on east and west facades to precast. Consider flexible seating in north dining terrace area. Consider adding canopy near east entrance elevation to make it more inviting.

Motion: Mr. Mills

Second: Ms. Bond

Final approval as submitted.

3.3 GMU – Robinson Hall – New Academic & Research Facility, Harris Theaters

Previously submitted at the June 2, 2017 meeting with the following comments:

Consider more continuity in the use of materials on all elevations. Reexamine the design of southwest façade including entry. This façade appears undeveloped in comparison to other facilities of building. Then entry to the adjacent theater needs further development.

Conceptual approval. Agency to return with further developed / refined design of both research facility and theater including proposed building materials and overall landscape plan / plant material selections

Agency response to comments:

Refer to attached drawing

Comments: On landscape plan, Consider using seedless maple trees and bringing outdoor elements indoors. Agency to submit changes to landscape design for consent agenda review.

Motion: Mr. Bond

Second: Ms. Tuten

Final approval as submitted.

3.4 GMU – Construct Utilities Distribution System – Wilkins Plaza

Previously submitted at the August 2, 2017 meeting with the following comments:

Examine the way that bricks and pavers interact at intersections.

Carefully study potential water features and effect on immediate environment. Consider adding an art piece to the water feature. Consider raising plant beds to higher elevation to discourage walk thru.

Agency response to comments:

Refer to attached revised drawings

Comments: Rather than the use of grass at seating area, consider other materials that are more durable. Consider adding seating are for groups to gather that are more intimate.

Motion: Mr. Bond
Second: Ms. Wilson
Final approval as submitted.

3.5 Science Museum of Virginia – New Parking Deck
Previously submitted at the October 6, 2017 meeting: Conceptual approval as submitted
Agency submitting further development of project
Comments: Consider raising height of brick retaining wall at plaza to also serve as seating.
Motion: Ms. Tuten
Second: Ms. Wilson
Final approval as submitted. Agency to submit any modification to consent agenda.

4.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS
Next AARB Meeting is Friday, **January 5, 2018.

5.0 MEETING ADJOURNED

Minutes Approved as AARB Advice and Counsel:

1/5/18

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

Approved as the Governor's Designee:

1/26/18

Joseph Damico **Date**
Director
Department of General Services