

**Art and Architectural Review Board
Minutes
July 10, 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: Tom Papa
Second: Ian Vaughan
Approved: 5-0
- 1.4 OTHER BUSINESS

2.0 CONSENT AGENDA

10:10am

- 2.1 **GMU - Commonwealth and Dominion Halls Window Replacement**
The University seeks approval to replace all exterior windows of the Commonwealth and Dominion Halls. Project will consist of removing existing exterior windows and associated sealant, blocking/shimming, and fasteners to provide a clean rough opening.
- 2.2 **DGS - Bank Street Landscaping and Security Project**
As part of the recommendations made in the 2018 Capitol Square Master Plan, the Commonwealth of Virginia plans to redevelop Bank Street between 9th and 14th Streets as the prime pedestrian gateway for visitors to Capitol Square and the Capitol Building Visitor Center. To help achieve that goal, Bank Street will be closed to the general motoring public. The Master Plan envisions that Bank Street will become a landscaped pedestrian friendly zone that enhances the visitor experience when entering this National Historic Landmark area. This project is designed to incorporate hardscape and landscape solutions with security and vehicle control elements such as guard stations and vehicle access gates or bollards. Vehicle access will be restricted to tour buses, delivery

vehicles, emergency/first responder vehicles and a limited number of ADA compliant parking spaces. Vehicle access to nearby parking garages on the eastern portion of Bank Street for state and federal employees will be maintained.

Comments: Confer with CSPC, DHR and Helen Wilson (AARB) to address comments provided by CSPC. Consider asphalt paving over cobbles or granite pavers for ADA compliance. Consider the entire bike path be a dismount zone along Bank Street to simplify paving. Verify tactile warning devices are in place. Consider avoiding plantings where vulnerable to foot traffic.

**Moved to Regular Agenda, Motion for Preliminary Approval: Helen Wilson
Second: Tom Papa
Approved: 5-0**

2.3 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 naturally 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 Ninth Street entrance, along with new retractable bollards in the drive aisle of North Drive. The existing manned Guard Booth adjacent to the Washington Monument will be replaced by a new Guard Booth closer to the vehicle street entrance. New paving and landscape materials will be installed as part of this project.

Comments: Confer with CSPC, DHR and Helen Wilson (AARB) to address comments provided by CSPC. Consider alternatives on Guard House design. Consider removable bollards in lieu of retractable in pedestrian access areas if possible.

**Moved to Regular Agenda, Motion for Preliminary Approval: Burt Pinnock
Second: Helen Wilson
'Approved: 5-0**

2.4 UVA - Blandy Experimental Farm Demolition

The University of Virginia proposes to demolish the Old Research Greenhouse, a circa 1941 structure, and the Corn Crib, an early 20th century farm out building. The Greenhouse's function was superseded in 2015 with the completion of a new, modern facility. The Greenhouse was in poor condition at that time and has continued to deteriorate. There is no longer a purpose for this building at Blandy. The corn crib is in danger of collapse. Efforts have been made over the years to stabilize the structure, but they have not been successful. Both structures are contributing features in the Blandy Historic Farm Virginia Landmarks Register and National Register of Historic Places listings. DHR has reviewed the demolition and the University of Virginia has

entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with DHR to mitigate the adverse effect of these demolitions. The documentation agreed to is nearly complete; the remaining documentation will occur after the greenhouse has been demolished.

Comments: Subject to DHR mitigation.

2.5 GMU – West Campus Kiosk

The existing police kiosk is a 30 square foot, uninsulated, temporary structure; it no longer meets the requirements of the police department. This structure will be demolished and a new kiosk will be provided at the east end of the parking lot. The new kiosk will be a 12'-0" x 16'-0", a 224 square foot building. It will be used by the University's shuttle bus drivers for key storage and driver reports. The kiosk will also be used by the Police Cadets to monitor activity on the West Campus parking lot. The new building is located so as to maximize both the visibility of the parking lots and the adjacency to the bus parking, while not disrupting the use of the parking lot.

2.6 VSU – Omega Psi Phi Organizational Plot

This will be a plot based on organization's fraternal chosen logos. It will be a 20 feet square paver area with a low wall and a center stone feature.

Motion to Remove Items 2.2 and 2.3 to the Regular Agenda: Helen Wilson

Second: Calder Loth

Approved: 5-0

Motion to Approve Consent Agenda items 2.1, 2.4, 2.5, & 2.6: Helen Wilson

Second: Tom Papa

Approved: 5-0

Helen Wilson Abstained from 2.4

3.0 PROJECT REVIEWS

3.1 WM - Kaplan Arena Renovations (Withdrawn)

Renovations to the existing Kaplan Arena occur at all levels of the existing structure including the Main Concourse Level, Court Level, Locker Level, and Seating Bowl. Renovation plans include bringing the structure up to current code where feasible, updating the functionality of concessions and restrooms, updating functionality of locker rooms and training spaces, expanding spectator experience types, and updating finishes throughout. Total renovation square foot area is 72,013. Additions include a new entry and lobby function at the Main Concourse Level with circulation to the Court Level, Locker Level and a new Entry Plaza Level at the north of the existing structure with a total square foot area of 20,681. A second addition is to be located northwest of the existing Kaplan Arena for new sports performance and training spaces. The addition is two levels and ties in at the existing Main Concourse Level and

Locker Level with a total square foot area of 37,001. Existing materials of the existing Kaplan Arena are to remain as-is except where new paint is to be applied on previously painted portions. The additions will contain brick to match the existing, clear glass, translucent insulated wall panels, metal panels to match existing, and light grey metal panels to screen new HVAC units. Overall building forms are to be rectangular and square to match the existing form of Kaplan Arena.

3.2 GMU – Life Science and Engineering Building

The Life Sciences and Engineering Building will be located at George Mason University's (GMU) Prince William County Science and Technology Campus. The new 100,000 GSF, three story building will be located within 2.81 acres immediately north of the Institute for Advanced Biomedical Research (IABR) with an additional 5,000 ASF of backfill at Katherine G. Johnson Hall. The new building mass will consist of two major components – a rectangular red brick bar to the north and a metal and glass bent bar to the south, both running in the east-west direction. Similar to most of the buildings on the Campus, the building will have a flat roof – with the roof over the straight brick bar building designated for the majority of the mechanical equipment, which will be screened from view by metal panels and louvers. The project is a response to GMU's growth and need for additional highly specialized instructional labs, classrooms, and support spaces. The project will support the increasing curriculum focused on science, technology, engineering, and health. The primary users of the project will be the Volgenau School of Engineering, the College of Science, the College of Education and Human Development, and the College of Visual and Performing Arts. The program mainly consists of highly specialized, multi-disciplinary spaces that will be used by multiple user groups and are not specifically assigned to or controlled by any one discipline or College/School. The final space program, as defined by the participants from the various groups, will not be organized by departments, but rather around the following typologies:

- Instructional Wet Labs and Support
- Instructional Wet Labs – Bio Chem Intensive
- Instructional Cadaver Labs and Support
- Instructional Dry Labs and Support
- Instructional Computer Labs
- Virtual Reality, Animation, and Support
- Human Performance
- Student Design Spaces
- University Classrooms and Meeting Spaces
- Building Support Spaces

Comments: Consider more cohesion between the NW masonry box and the SE curtain wall/Metal box. Consider more trees and structural plantings in the landscape plan. Consider enlarging the west plaza to present a more substantive entrance at that elevation. Consider an alternative material at the roof screen if it reduces cost. No DHR review required.

Motion for Preliminary Approval: Burt Pinnock

Second: Tom Papa

Approved: 5-0

3.3 ODU – Student Health and Wellness

The building is a 2-story addition to the existing student recreation center (SRC) (also 2 stories). The building will complement the existing architecture of the SRC while providing a calming and improved presence in the student quad. Brick with a precast or cast stone base, flat roof with a light well between the addition and the existing building.

Comments: Consider additional design elements at the west (alley) entrance to appear less as a back door. Consider structural screening in lieu of so much vegetation at meditation courtyard. No DHR review required.

Motion for Preliminary Approval: Ian Vaughan

Second: Tom Papa

Approved: 5-0

3.4 DFS – Central Lab and OCME

The DFS/OCME Central Lab is an approximately 288,000 GSF, 3-story building with a Penthouse located on level 2 (at OCME) and level 4 (at DFS). This proposed facility will replace the existing 134,000 sf existing facility in downtown Richmond, Virginia. The site for the new Central Lab is on an undeveloped property within an office technology park at the corner of Time Dispatch Blvd. and Studley Road. The building will function as laboratory space, training space, and office space for two independent agencies – The Department of Forensic Science (DFS) and the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner (OCME). The agencies are co-located to take advantage of certain efficiencies. However, functionally and organizationally, the agencies are completely separate. The agencies share a common lobby and the training floor. All other zones are distinctly separate and secure. This “together but separate” organizational structure served as the primary driver in the form of the building and the organization of the site.

Comments: Consider additional site security. Consider options other than planters for security. Consider durability of metal panels and metal panel detailing. Consider additional outdoor seating at rear.

Motion for Preliminary Approval: Tom Papa

Second: Helen Wilson Approved: 5-0

3.5 DMA – Roanoke Readiness Center

The project consists of Part A – Construction of a new readiness center, Part B – Renovation of Building 3 to provide storage and support for the Readiness Center, and Part C – Construction of a CSMS (Combined Support Maintenance

Facility), which has a similar mission to the recently renovated and expanded FMS #10 Building located directly adjacent to this project.

Comments: Consider color alternatives other than white for composite metal panels at entrance.

Motion for Preliminary Approval: Tom Papa

Second: Ian Vaughan

Approved: 5-0

3.6 DGS – Lee Monument Removal

Remove the statue of Robert E. Lee in Richmond, VA from its granite pedestal, transport it to a temporary storage location, and store the statue. In addition, the stone pedestal may be disassembled and stored.

Comments: DHR recommends the following: Consultation with the NRHP program at the National Park Service (NPS) is encouraged prior to removal. DHR requests digital and printed copies of any photo documentation of the existing conditions and any photos taken during removal, packing, and transport of the Monument. If any components of the Monument have been damaged or are damaged during the removal and transport process, photo documentation should be provided to DHR. Any future storage, repurposing, deaccessioning, or acquisition of the Monument by another entity or institution should be coordinated with DHR and be informed by a public process. DHR's State Archaeological Conservator, Katherine Ridgway, should be on-site when the Monument is removed. Care should be taken to identify and carefully remove any accessory objects such as a time capsule. Unanticipated discoveries should be immediately coordinated with DHR. Accessory objects recovered during the removal process should be stored in the state repository for archaeological collections at DHR or at the Library of Virginia.

Motion for Final Approval: Burt Pinnock

Second: Ian Vaughan

Approved: 5-0

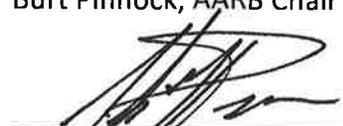
4.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Next AARB Meeting is August 7, 2020.

5.0 MEETING ADJOURNED



Burt Pinnock, AARB Chair



Joe Damico, DGS Director