

Meeting Minutes - Approved

Art and Architectural Review Board

Agenda

September 10, 2021 at 10:00am

Patrick Henry Building, East Reading Room

1111 East Broad Street, Richmond, VA 23219

1.0 ADMINISTRATION

- 10:00am 1.1 CALL TO ORDER
Burt Pinnock, Chair
Attendance: Burt Pinnock, Helen Wilson, Donna Jackson, Tom Papa, Calder Loth and Ian Vaughan.
- 1.2 PUBLIC COMMENT
AARB Meetings are open for public comment. Rules for public comment can be obtained from the Department of General Services.
None
- 1.3 APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Motion to approve: Donna Jackson
Second: Helen Wilson
Vote: 6Y, 0N
- 1.4 OTHER BUSINESS
Vote for Chair and Vice-Chair
None

2.0 CONSENT AGENDA

- 10:10am 2.1 **Department of Conservation and Recreation – Chestnut Bathhouse Renovation – Bear Creek Lake State Park**
Monroe Authority – Quarters 14 Rehabilitation
The existing Chestnut Bathhouse is a 770 square foot masonry bathhouse constructed around 1977, with exterior walls of painted concrete block, sloped asphalt shingle roof, metal sliding windows and gable translucent corrugated plastic panels which allow minimal daylight in the gable end walls. The building is proposed to be renovated with a small addition constructed at one side of the building for two new family restrooms with ADA-compliant lavatory, shower and toilet and sloped ceilings to allow daylight from new high windows. Group restrooms will be altered to meet current accessibility standards, and the original corrugated plastic gable window assembly will be replaced on one side by insulated fiberglass windows with obscure glass to allow for natural light in the women's room. The showers currently within the group restrooms will be removed and new individual-use showers will be accessed directly from the exterior at the rear of the building. Exterior walls will be painted CMU, and all new doors and windows will be fiberglass for long-term durability.
DHR expressed no concerns related to this project.

Motion to approve: Tom Papa

Second: Ian Vaughan

Vote: 6Y, 0N

2.2 Virginia Commonwealth University – Ackell Res Center – P&T Admin. Suite

3,148 gsf tenant space renovation includes demolition and construction of two enclosed offices and reconfiguration to expand the conference room. The expansion of the conference room necessitates the relocation of the exterior storefront entry/exit doors.

This project does not require DHR review.

Motion to approve: Tom Papa

Second: Ian Vaughan

Vote: 6Y, 0N

2.3 Virginia Community College System – Exterior Dedication Signs Business Science

The project consists of the installation of dedication signage for the existing Business Science Building on VWCC's campus. The signage in two locations will consist of wall-mounted aluminum lettering, and at two entrances will consist of aluminum donor plaques.

This project does not require DHR review.

Motion to approve: Tom Papa

Second: Ian Vaughan

Vote: 6Y, 0N

2.4 Virginia Commonwealth College System – The Community Arboretum, New (Replacement) Gazebo Construction

A 14' diameter octagonal wood gazebo on a new concrete base with a brick paver floor, cedar shake roof and copper-clad cupola to replace the existing wood gazebo (currently in a deteriorating condition). The existing gazebo will be demolished, and the replacement gazebo erected in the same location within the Arboretum.

This project does not require DHR review.

Motion to approve: Tom Papa

Second: Ian Vaughan

Vote: 6Y, 0N

2.5 Department of Military Affairs – Access Control Point for State Military Reservation, Camp Pendleton

The existing main gate Gate Access Control Point (ACP) for Camp Pendleton, State Military Reservation (SMR) is located on Birdneck Road and is a temporary structure that does not comply with current Anti-Terrorism / Force Protection (ATFP) standards. It lacks sufficient functional areas for processing visitors, personnel ID checks, vehicle ID checks, and vehicle inspections. The existing site and roadway configuration lacks adequate Approach, Access Control, and Response Zones, preventing guards from rejecting vehicles and meeting appropriate reaction timeframes. This project creates a new entrance into Camp Pendleton, SMR off of General Booth Boulevard and constructs a new Main Gate ACP. The new Main Gate ACP will provide the Anti-Terrorism / Force Protection (ATFP) measures required to adequately control vehicular and pedestrian traffic and to perform required visitor processing, identification (ID) checks and vehicle inspections. The Main Gate ACP and its associated facilities are integral to the SMR's security. The primary facilities include a visitor center, a guard booth, an overhead protection shelter, a vehicle inspection area with a driver holding booth, a two-story overwatch tower, and a backup/emergency

generator. Supporting components will include utility service extension, roads, sidewalks, curbs, fencing, barriers, gutters, storm drainage, parking areas, static displays (of military vehicles), a digital installation information sign, site lighting, landscaping, and site improvements.

DHR has conducted a review and expressed no concerns related to this project.

Motion to approve: Tom Papa

Second: Ian Vaughan

Vote: 6Y, 0N

2.6 Southside Virginia Community College– SSVCC Improve/Replace External Wayfinding Signage

SVCC desires to replace old and outdated external signage and improve wayfinding within the same project. Only exterior signage will be addressed in this project which will have no signs attached to any building. It has become apparent to us that our current signage is insufficient to guide students and visitors upon entering the main campuses.

This project does not require DHR review.

Motion to approve: Tom Papa

Second: Ian Vaughan

Vote: 6Y, 0N

2.7 University of Mary Washington – Alvey Hall – Demolition and Site Improvements

Building to be demolished is 4 stories, approximately 33,694 sf, and built in 1989. The exterior walls are of reinforced concrete with veneer brick, and the floors are precast concrete planks. Building is planned to be removed in its entirety, including foundations. University of Mary Washington does not foresee building another building at this location. The project site is between a Residence Hall and the central gym and fitness complex for the campus. It will be treated with Landscape in order to promote student activities. A stage area with electrical outlets will be provided for possible Public Address systems for events. The grading is only slightly modified from existing and naturally provides a level grassy surface for sports/gathering activities, as well as a grassy embankment for viewing said activity.

DHR has conducted a review and expressed no adverse impacts related to this project.

Motion to approve: Tom Papa

Second: Ian Vaughan

Vote: 6Y, 0N

2.8 Virginia State University – Post Office Tower Addition

The Stair and Elevator Tower addition to the existing Post Office Building on Virginia State University's campus is a two-story building with a footprint of 1,084 square feet (2,168 total square feet). The Addition's function is to provide ADA accessible egress and ingress to the second floor of the existing Post Office Building via an accessible elevator and a code compliant stairwell. The building is designed to appear as an extension of the existing Post Office Building, with an aesthetic that pulls from it, along with buildings in its immediate vicinity. The material composition of the addition is brick masonry. Windows will be aluminum clad wood. First floor windows will have brick masonry jack arches with precast concrete keystones and all windows will have precast concrete window sills. The cornice, entablature, and columns will be comprised of PVC in lieu of the original building's wood. The building is capped with a shed roof to align with the original building's shed roof. It will have a slate or synthetic slate roof to blend with many of the

buildings in its general vicinity on campus.

DHR has requested a review due to the project taking place in an eligible historic district.

Motion to approve: Tom Papa

Second: Ian Vaughan

Vote: 6Y, 0N

2.9 Longwood University – Lankford Hall Ground Floor Renovations

The interior, ground floor renovation encompasses nearly 7,500 square feet of Lankford Hall's ground floor. The university is seeking AARB approval to construct an approximate 4,400 square feet playground area to support the daycare facility.

This project does not require DHR review.

Motion to approve: Tom Papa

Second: Ian Vaughan

Vote: 6Y, 0N

2.10 Virginia Commonwealth University – Modifications to Sanger/Nelson connector bridge and Nelson Facade

In order to provide for the safe transfer of patients between the new Children's Hospital of Richmond and the larger VCU Medical Center a bridge will be constructed between the new Children's Tower and the Gateway building. This bridge has been permitted through VCU Health's authority having jurisdiction and has been reviewed and recommended for approval by the City of Richmond's Urban Design Committee. The geometry of this bridge has minor impacts to the existing Sanger/Nelson connector bridge across Marshall St as well as the facade of Nelson Clinic to provide appropriate fire separation. We are requesting review of these modifications since the Sanger/Nelson bridge and Nelson itself are property of the Commonwealth.

The modifications to the Sanger/Nelson bridge are, generally:

1. Removal of a small section of parapet to allow the Children's Hospital connector to appropriately align with the existing 3rd floor of Gateway.

The modifications to the Nelson Clinic face are, generally:

1. Infill of existing windows which would be obscured by the new Children's Hospital of Richmond connector bridge to provide both visual privacy and the required fire separation between the new and existing structure.

DHR will need to review the project. Mitigation and an MOU need to be drafted and continued adverse impact discussions need to be held.

Motion to approve subject to DHR review and approval: Tom Papa

Second: Ian Vaughan

Vote: 6Y, 0N

2.11 Chesterfield County – GRTC Bus Shelter Installations in Chesterfield/Henrico

The project involves the installation of Brasco Eclipse bus shelters within VDOT right-of-way in Chesterfield and Henrico counties.

This project does not require DHR review.

Motion to approve: Tom Papa

Second: Ian Vaughan

Vote: 6Y, 0N

3.0 PROJECT REVIEWS

3.1 Virginia Tech – English Field Baseball Pitching Lab

English Field baseball complex. An existing single-story Equipment Storage Building, 0185J, is located on the selected site and will be demolished to allow for construction of the new building. The request for demolition approval will be forthcoming. The proposed building is a single-story, 20-foot high, 2,043 gross square foot facility for indoor pitching practice. The building is sited between the existing fence line of English Field and the Johnson-Miller Track Complex. The main entrance to the building is located in the east façade. Overhead doors are located on the west side of the building to be opened during appropriate weather.

Motion for final approval with recommendation of revisiting the amount of hokie stone utilized above the water line of the structure and consider synthetic turf for exercise area.:

Tom Papa

Second: Helen Wilson

Vote: 6Y, 0N

3.2 Department of Juvenile Justice – New Juvenile Correctional Center, Bon Air

The project consists of 8 separate buildings. Building 1 includes Administration, Staff Training, Security Administration, Visitation, and Intake. Building 2 includes Health Services, Food Services, Laundry, Warehouse, Maintenance, and Facility Support. Building 3 includes Education, Career and College Readiness, and Recreation. Buildings 4-8 are each housing units with bedrooms for 12 juveniles in each unit.

Motion for preliminary approval subject to DHR review and the following recommendations; consider less rigid walkways in central space and potential pedestrian destinations, consider additional trees for shading in central space, consider rationalizing vertical panels of differing materials on building elevations and demolitions will need to be reviewed by AARB and DHR : Tom Papa

Second: Ian Vaughan

Vote: 6Y, 0N

3.3 Department of General Services & Capitol Square Preservation Council – Capitol Square Exterior Signage Package

Comprehensive and cohesive exterior signage program for Capitol Square, with intent to serve the visiting public and provide much needed onsite orientation, direction, interpretation, and denote ADA accessible entry points and pathways, as well as provide a space for the posting of mandated Capitol Square rules and regulations. The family of exterior signs in this schematic package take the form of three basic types: (1) orientation and map (at each pedestrian entry point to Capitol Square); (2) directional (at key locations within Capitol Square); (3) interpretative (at each monument and at select key buildings). Capitol Square's current multiplicity of signage types, scales, and colors, diminishes the visitor's experience and can instill confusion rather than clarity. The new signage program being submitted to AARB for review will replace the existing disjointed and irregular exterior signage currently in place on Capitol Square.

Motion for preliminary approval subject to consultation with DHR and the following recommendations; consider ways to distinguish different types of information to simplify communication, explore ways to reduce the number of signs, consider the use of digital technology such as QR codes, consider views into Capital Square and potential sign location impact and sign palette could be extended to adjacent significant buildings/landscapes : Tom Papa

Second: Helen Wilson

Vote: 6Y, 0N

4.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS

****Next AARB Meeting is October 1, 2021.**

5.0 MEETING ADJOURNED *11:54pm*