

Approved Minutes
Art and Architectural Review Board
September 6, 2024, at 10:00 am
James Monroe Building - Rooms C, D & E
101 North 14th Street, Richmond, VA 23219

1.0 ADMINISTRATION

- 10:03 am **1.1 CALL TO ORDER**
Board Members Present: Lynden Garland, Chair, Anca Lipan, Vice-Chair;
Megan Melinat; Jill Nolt; Gaby Rengifo; and Anne Smith.
Board Members Absent: Stanley Rayfield.
DGS Staff Present: Jessica Hendrickson; and Kimberly Freiburger.
- 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: Megan Melinat
Second: Anca Lipan
Vote: 4-Y 0-N 2-ABS [Gaby Rengifo and Jill Nolt]
- 1.4 OTHER BUSINESS**
None

2.0 CONSENT AGENDA

- 2.1 Virginia Tech / Athletics Crowd Fencing**
(Final Approval)
Building on a previous fencing project in the area east of Lane Stadium, commonly known as Stadium Woods, this new initiative aims to protect the woods from the opposite side. The proposed chain link fence will follow an existing path along the tennis courts and Football Practice Facility, leading into Lane Stadium. This path is heavily traveled on game days and currently allows pedestrians to encroach into, and flow through the woods. This fencing is intended to prevent foot traffic from damaging tree roots. In addition to tree root damage, there is a concern for tripping hazards. Additionally, the fence will help manage the flow of fans to the east side of the stadium.
Department of Historic Resources (DHR) – Has reviewed a Stadium Woods Fencing project (DHR File 2023-4602). However, the scope of that project does not include the current limits of disturbance. DHR will need to review this project prior to any ground disturbance.

Other Board Comments: None

Motion to Approve: Anne Smith

Second: Gaby Rengifo

Vote: 6-Y 0-N

2.2 Virginia Tech / Moss Arts Center Mural

(Final Approval)

The mural design has been developed by the Moss Arts Center Curator in collaboration with the artist, Erika Rane. Installation of the mural on the existing exterior art wall is expected in late summer in preparation for a public event. The intent is that the mural be in place through August 2025.

Department of Historic Resources (DHR) – The Department has not reviewed this and does not need to review this unless required by another agency.

Other Board Comments: None

Motion to Approve: Anne Smith

Second: Gaby Rengifo

Vote: 6-Y 0-N

2.3 Virginia Military Institute / Construct Moody Hall, Demolition of Cabell Hall

(Final Approval)

The Virginia Military Institute is planning to replace its existing Alumni Hall (known as Moody Hall) with a new updated and larger building of the same name, to be integrated into its University Master Plan. The construction of the new Moody Hall will require the demolition of three existing structures: Moody Hall (1968), Cabell House (1872), and Neikirk Hall (1868).

The Cabell House is a c. 1872 residence on the Post of VMI. The house currently serves as staff housing for VMI.

The structure is in fair condition and is currently in use as a residence. The property was acquired along with Neikirk Hall in the 1970s, with the long-term intent to remove both structures for a future building. VMI has acknowledged to VDHR that the removal of this structure is likely an Adverse Impact and plans to mitigate the removal of the structure through the retention of some key historic elements and incorporate them into the new building design, along with the documentation of the structure for public interpretation.

Department of Historic Resources (DHR) – VMI is currently coordinating with DHR on this project. VMI submitted survey documentation to DHR for the Ca. 1872 Neikirk Hall (DHR ID #127-0017-0029; Blair House; 304 Letcher Ave); Ca. 1850 Cabell House (DHR ID #127-0017-0064; 306 Letcher Ave.) and 1968 Moody Hall (308 Letcher Ave.) on 08/21/2024 and the material is currently being processed to ensure they meet DHR's QA/QC standards.

Other Board Comments: None

Motion to Approve: Anne Smith

Second: Gaby Rengifo

Vote: 6-Y 0-N

2.4 Virginia Military Institute / Construct Moody Hall, *Demolition of Moody Hall*

(Final Approval)

The Virginia Military Institute is planning to replace its existing Alumni Hall (known as Moody Hall) with a newly updated and larger building of the same name, to be integrated into its University Master Plan. The construction of the new Moody Hall will require the demolition of three existing structures: Moody Hall (1968), Cabell House (1872), and Neikirk Hall (1868).

Moody Hall was constructed in 1968 and serves as a part of the Agency's Alumni Center and Staff Offices for VMI. While technically over fifty years of age, it is not generally considered one of the core historic facilities at VMI. Maintenance of Moody Hall has been a consistent problem throughout the history of the structure and water infiltration problems have been present since construction. The size and configuration of the structure make it difficult to adapt to current needs and a larger facility is required due to the growing needs of the Institute, and a growing Cadet Corp. The proposed facility that will replace this structure will significantly expand Cadet use and functions, providing a venue for visiting lectures, programs, career fairs, classroom space, and support space for Institute events that cannot currently be accommodated in the existing Moody Hall structure. Available property limitations on Post and in connection with the Parade Ground, limit options for alternate siting. The removal of the existing structure and the two adjacent structures have been identified as far back as the documentation of the original National Register nomination for the VMI Post, and this demolition is consistent with the current Master Plan for the Institute.

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Other Board Comments: None

Motion to Approve: Anne Smith

Second: Gaby Rengifo

Vote: 4-Y 0-N

2.5 Virginia Military Institute / Construct Moody Hall, *Demolition of Neikirk Hall*

(Final Approval)

The Virginia Military Institute is planning to replace its existing Alumni Hall (known as Moody Hall) with a new updated and larger building of the same name, to be integrated into its University Master Plan. The construction of

the new Moody Hall will require the demolition of three existing structures: Moody Hall (1968), Cabell House (1872), and Neikirk Hall (1868).

Neikirk Hall was originally constructed in 1868. While the front façade retains an appearance consistent with this time frame, the structure has been substantially altered from its original appearance in both the interior and exterior. Neikirk and the adjacent Cabell House were acquired by VMI in the early 1970s with the intent to remove them at a future time for additional facilities for the Institute. A significant addition was added to the rear of Neikirk Hall in the 1990s, as the house was converted to offices of the Institute Alumni Association. The interior has been largely altered and some elements of the front façade have been altered as well.

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Other Board Comments: None

Motion to Approve: Anne Smith

Second: Gaby Rengifo

Vote: 6-Y 0-N

2.6 Potomac and Rappahannock Transportation Commission (PRTC) / Bus Shelter Beautification, Prince William County *(Final Approval)*

Upon approval, PRTC will schedule the replacement panels to be installed beginning approximately in September. All replacement panels are expected to be installed by October 31, 2024.

The artwork will be painted by the Artist or fabricated on vinyl and installed directly onto five (5) blank replacement plexiglass panels that measure approximately 27.7 inches wide by 75.75 inches tall each creating a "canvas" across the rear of the bus shelter. The bus shelters will have artwork displaying environmental themes

conceptualized by local artists including wildlife scenes, flora and fauna from Virginia, neighborhood scenes of residents protecting the environment, water quality, and still-life scenes of nature. These themes are meant to support the environmental sustainability efforts of Prince William County and bring an enhanced awareness of environmental protection.

Department of Historic Resources (DHR) – The Department has not reviewed this and does not need to review this unless required by another agency.

Other Board Comments: Recommendation to add the artist's name to the artwork in some way (QR Code, actual name, etc.).

Motion to Approve: Anne Smith

Second: Gaby Rengifo

Vote: 6-Y 0-N

2.7 Potomac and Rappahannock Transportation Commission (PRTC) / Brasco Bus Shelter

(Final Approval)

PRTC is seeking approval for the Brasco Slimline Series (Model # SL-0612-C) bus shelter design for installation at various bus stops in Prince William County currently in VDOT's right-of-way.

If the Brasco Slimline Series, model # SL-0612-C, bus shelter design is approved for use in VDOT's right-of-way in Prince William County, PRTC will install the bus shelter at various bus stops within the Prince William County area. The bus shelter installations will replace existing bus shelters that are beyond their useful life.

The bus shelter is a three-sided structure measuring 6' x 12'. It consists of an anodized aluminum framed structure with five (5) ¼" polycarbonate back panels and two (2) ¼" polycarbonate side panels. The hipped roof is also anodized aluminum. The shelter, including the roof, is dark bronze in color. The shelter will be equipped with high-density polyethylene thermoplastic polymer (HDPE) bench mounted along the back wall. The bench is cedar in color. PRTC's previously installed Brasco bus shelters are very similar in design. The ability to install this bus shelter model will provide a consistent look for our bus shelters and provide an easy-to-identify public transportation use for the community.

[Department of Historic Resources \(DHR\) – The Department has not reviewed this and does not need to review this unless required by another agency.](#)

[Other Board Comments:](#) If the budget permits, add artwork to the new bus shelters similar to the older bus shelters, for continuity.

[Motion to Approve:](#) Anne Smith

[Second:](#) Gaby Rengifo

[Vote:](#) 6-Y 0-N

2.8 Old Dominion University / S.B. Ballard Stadium Flagpole Replacement

(Final Approval)

SB Ballard Stadium is the football stadium for Old Dominion University located in the Northeast corner of the university. The stadium has four bleacher sections with several 30' flagpoles dispersed around the stadium. At the North bleacher on the west side, there is an existing 30' flagpole that will be removed and replaced with a 50' flagpole. The intention of this submittal is to receive approval for the installation of the 50' flagpole. The new flagpole is 20' northwest of the current 30' flagpole.

The flagpole is to be of the same finish and aesthetic of the current flagpole. The pole will be made of a brush metal finish and the cap of the pole is a gold color finish. The top of the flagpole will have an integral light to illuminate the flag for nighttime games.

Department of Historic Resources (DHR) – The Department has not reviewed this and does not need to review this unless required by another agency.

Other Board Comments: None

Motion to Approve: Anne Smith

Second: Gaby Rengifo

Vote: 6-Y 0-N

2.9 Virginia Department of Forestry (VDOF) / Augusta Nursery Window Replacement and Canopy

(Final Approval)

The project consists of removing and replacing all existing single-glazed steel windows with insulated vinyl windows and constructing an exterior canopy to protect seedlings from sun and weather. The building is used by the Department of Forestry for processing, sorting, and storing of seedlings.

The existing building is primarily CMU masonry with asphalt shingle roofing. The existing windows are steel single-glazed units. A small wood-framed addition has been added to the building which is utilized as a pick-up point for seedling orders.

Department of Historic Resources (DHR) – The Department has not reviewed this and does not need to review this unless required by another agency.

Other Board Comments: None

Motion to Approve: Anne Smith

Second: Gaby Rengifo

Vote: 6-Y 0-N

2.10 Virginia Commonwealth University / Branding and Banner Signage

(Final Approval)

The project consists of the renovation and addition to the Virginia Industries for the Blind (VIB) Addition of banners to the exterior of several buildings on the Monroe Park Campus and the Massey Cancer Center on the MCV Campus. We have installed temporary banners in the past and would like to install frames in certain locations so banners can be changed out periodically without drilling new holes in the building façade.

The banners that will be installed on the Monroe Park campus will be part of the latest marketing campaign, Uncommon VCU. On the MCV Campus, the banners will be promoting the Massey Cancer Center. These banners will be changed every few years to replace worn and faded banners and to keep the content fresh.

Department of Historic Resources (DHR) – VCU reached out to DHR regarding this project. As long as these banners are not on any buildings 45+ years, DHR review will not be required.

Other Board Comments: None

Motion to Approve: Anne Smith

Second: Gaby Rengifo

Vote: 6-Y 0-N

3.0 PROJECT REVIEWS

3.1 Virginia Tech / New Business Building

(Preliminary Approval)

The Pamplin College of Business (PCOB) is nationally recognized for its business programs and is integral to Virginia Tech's delivery of instruction and research programming in support of the Commonwealth. The New Business Building project will provide a consolidated location for the college, allowing the college to amplify program impact, as well as couple with the Data and Decision Sciences building to complete the academic facilities of the Global Business and Analytics Complex (GBAC). Envisioned as a four-story structure at approximately 93,000 gross square that will connect with Data and Decision Sciences (D&DS) to provide expanded, modern, and educational space.

Department of Historic Resources (DHR) – The Department has not reviewed this and if this project is subject to an Environmental Impact Review, coordinated with the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality, DHR review will be required.

Other Board Comments:

- Provide renderings of the landscape with the planting of the trees around the building.
- Provide true elevations of the grading around the building.
- Provide flat building elevations.
- Provide more information about the walking path and accessibility.
- Study the SW corner/utility portion of the building and the integration into the landscape, as well as the transformer pad to the NW.
- Provide further explanation on the details where the new building and existing building connect.
- Add renderings and images of the existing building in relation to the new building.
- Provide renderings showing site lines concerning the mechanical panels.
- Provide further study on View D pertaining to the non-entrance, as it appears to be aesthetically confusing.

Motion to Approve: Anne Smith

Second: Gaby Rengifo

Vote: 6-Y 0-N

3.2 Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (VDACS) / Harrisonburg Regional Laboratory Addition

(Preliminary)

A single-story addition, approximately 3,300 sf for a new BSL-2 lab at the

end of the building, and a single-story addition for a BSL-3 lab in the rear of the building. The BSL-2 lab addition will allow for a new customer drop off and receiving lab space along with the required research lab spaces. The BSL-3 Necropsy lab addition at the rear of the building will utilize the existing BSL-2 Necropsy space as its vestibule to keep efficiency in the required SF. The rear addition is tucked into the corner of the building and will only be visible if someone is on-site at the rear of the building. It will not be visible from the street.

Department of Historic Resources (DHR) – The Department has not reviewed this and does not need to review this unless required by another agency.

Other Board Comments:

- Provide a plant list and the planting plan for the rain garden.
- Clarify if the new windows should match the existing aesthetics.
- Provide the new location of the memorial tree.
- In addition to the noted comments, for final approval presentation, please provide the actual materials to be used on the site and building.

Motion to Approve: Jill Nolt

Second: Anca Lipan

Vote: 6-Y 0-N

3.3 Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (VDACS) / Warrenton Regional Laboratory Addition

(Preliminary)

A single-story addition, approximately 1,500 sf for a new BSL-2 lab, and a single-story addition for a conference room at the main entrance to the building. The lab addition currently is a single level with an exterior shell designed to allow for a second floor. The lab addition balances the building with a higher roof line similar to the existing necropsy suites at the other end of the building. The conference room addition at the front of the building will be used for training and larger meetings that currently are not accommodated at this location.

Department of Historic Resources (DHR) – The Department has not reviewed this and does not need to review this unless required by another agency.

Other Board Comments:

- Study the roof slope on the new building and consider rotating the roofline ninety degrees or some other approach to balance the addition with the existing building.
- Try to identify the right relationship and location for the circular louvers of the addition relative to the existing building.
- Consider a way to balance the windows on the new addition's primary elevation. The asymmetry looks odd relative to the rest of the facility.
- Further study the pitch of the roof for the conference room addition and consider using the existing roof pitch.
- In addition to the noted comments, for final approval presentation, please provide the actual materials to be used on the site and building.

Motion to Approve: Jill Nolt
Second: Megan Melinat
Vote: 6-Y 0-N

3.4 Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (VDACS) / Lynchburg Regional Laboratory Addition

(Preliminary)

A single-story addition, approximately 1,500 sf with interior renovation for the entry sequence into the existing building. The addition will support a new BSL-2 lab and entrance lobby. The renovation will improve the receiving and administrative functions associated with receiving samples for the labs.

Department of Historic Resources (DHR) – The Department has not reviewed this and does not need to review this unless required by another agency.

Other Board Comments:

- The main entry seems like an appendage that does quite fit with the existing building. Consider the following ideas or provide other approaches to mitigate:
 - Consider a flat roof line at the new entrance of the building.
 - Consider the porch roof and keep what you have but come down to a more human scale to create a more inviting entrance.
 - Consider aligning the entry with the center of the existing main roof.
- At the main elevation consider the use of the metal panels and provide a more contemporary articulation of the curtain wall. Or consider other materials instead to articulate the main entrance.
- Consider the use of the existing massing along the curtain wall.
- Provide more renderings from different angles and more realistic views.
- In addition to the noted comments, for final approval presentation, please provide the actual materials to be used on the site and building, as well as the floor plans for the new addition.

Motion to Approve: Jill Nolt
Second: Anne Smith
Vote: 6-Y 0-N

4.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next AARB meeting will be held on Friday, October 4, 2024.

5.0 MEETING ADJOURNED - 12:04 pm