

# Art and Architectural Review Board

## Agenda

December 3, 2021 at 10:00am

Patrick Henry Building, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor

1111 East Broad Street, Richmond, VA 23219

\*This meeting will allow for in person attendance for Board members only and virtual attendance and presenting for all other attendees\*

### 1.0 ADMINISTRATION

- 10:00am
- 1.1 CALL TO ORDER  
Burt Pinnock, Chair
  - 1.2 PUBLIC COMMENT  
AARB Meetings are open for public comment. Rules for public comment can be obtained from the Department of General Services.
  - 1.3 APPROVAL OF MINUTES
  - 1.4 OTHER BUSINESS

### 2.0 CONSENT AGENDA

- 10:10am
- 2.1 **Virginia Community College System – NRCC Relocate Flagpoles**  
The existing Flagpoles (2) that are currently located in front of the Godbey Hall Annex will be re-located to the Drop-off Circle area, near the main entrance to Godbey Hall. An additional Flagpole will be added at this location. This new location will allow for better visibility of the Flagpoles, as you approach the Drop-off Circle in front of Godbey Hall, the primary administrative building on the NRCC Campus. The three Flagpoles, one at 35' and two at 30', will be lighted. The American Flag will be displayed on the center 35' pole, the Virginia Flag on the right side (viewed from parking lot) 30' pole and the NRCC Flag on the left side 30' pole
  - 2.2 **Virginia Tech – Demolition of University Building No. 0748**  
Building No. 0748, Tobacco Barn Number 3, is located at the Southwest Virginia Agricultural Research and Extension Center, 12326 VPI Farm Road, Glade Spring, Virginia. The structure is 1,296 gross square feet, is in excess of 68 years old, is a wood framed barn originally constructed to cure tobacco, was utilized for storage for approximately 40 years, has age- and weather-related structural damage, and is beyond its useful life.
  - 2.3 **Virginia Tech – Demolition of Building No. 0185J**  
Building No. 0185J (Equipment Storage Building) is located in the Athletics and Recreation District of Virginia Tech's Blacksburg campus. Constructed in 1999, the building originally stored track and field equipment. Analysis of the low utilization rate of the structure, the condition of the structure, and the need for a buildable site for a Baseball Pitching Lab in close proximity to English Field and the Weaver Baseball Center, revealed that the highest and best use of the existing building site is for the new Baseball Pitching Lab.

#### **2.4 Radford University – Davis Hall Window Replacement**

Davis Hall was constructed in 1988. The existing windows and store fronts are original to the building and lack any desired thermal properties. Many of these windows and doors, which are well beyond their useful life, have become inoperable and require constant maintenance. The glass block wall has very little thermal properties and prevents full site lines which hinders security for the building.

#### **2.5 James Madison University – Veteran’s Memorial Park Seating Expansion**

The existing 635 seat softball stadium is proposed to be expanded to approximate 1,500 seats. The project area is estimated to be 4,000 square feet and will be approximately (2) stories tall. The exterior materials are proposed to be consistent with the existing materials and consist of steel framing with brick piers.

### **3.0 PROJECT REVIEWS**

#### **3.1 Library of Virginia – State Records Center Expansion and Renovation**

The building addition is a one-story structure with a flat parapet and low sloped membrane roof, enclosing approximate 21,600 GSF. The building is approximately 45’ tall with high-bay records storage shelving on the interior. The height is dictated by the height of the storage shelving. The exterior materials are architectural precast concrete, load bearing, panels designed to be consistent with the existing building wall panels.

#### **3.2 University of Virginia – Whispering Wall Modifications**

The University of Virginia proposes to replace the gray Vermont marble blocks containing the engraved dedication on the back of the Whispering Wall with Barre Grey granite blocks carved to match the size and shape of the original marble but with no dedicatory engraving. The Whispering Wall, formerly known as the Hume Memorial, was given to the University of Virginia by John E. N. Hume, an alumnus, in honor of his father, Frank Hume, in 1938. Frank Hume had no direct connection to the University. The memorial was designed by Edmund Campbell, then dean of the architecture program, and was fabricated by the Vermont Marble Company. It was originally located in the courtyard of Monroe Hall, behind an arcade on the north side of the building. When Monroe Hall was enlarged in the mid-1980s the memorial was relocated to the western side of the building and became the centerpiece of the landscape of a redesigned terrace between Monroe Hall and Newcomb Hall. In its current location, the Whispering Wall has become a popular meeting place and a location for much student activity. The ability of its high, curved stone back to carry sound is the genesis of its current name, which is far better known than its historic one. Despite its popularity, the bench’s dedication to a Confederate soldier with no direct connection to the University has drawn expressions of condemnation and concern from the community. After considering several options, the University’s Board of Visitors directed the staff to develop a plan to modify the bench rather than remove it. Barre Grey granite is a close match in color to the original marble. A casual observer will likely not notice the change, but the grain and veining are different enough that a close observer will notice the difference and understand that a change has happened.

#### **3.3 Virginia Community College System – TNCC, Hampton Campus Replace Templin Hall Auditorium**

The proposed building will be a replacement of the “Dr. Mary T. Christian” Auditorium portion of Templin Hall - which was damaged beyond repair following a partial roof collapse that occurred on April 5, 2021. The Auditorium was demolished and separated from the adjacent structures, previously having been connected to the academic / administrative portion of Templin Hall to the East, and to Wythe Hall to the North. The

auditorium will be replaced in-kind with minor changes that will improve its constructability, address the inefficiencies of the previous design, and create a more up to date look.

### **3.4 Virginia Tech – Hitt Hall**

The approximately 100,000 gross square feet, three-story building, will support an expansion of the Myers-Lawson School of Construction (MLSOC), add critical dining seating and venues, and include general assignment academic spaces in a new combined program facility. The east wing of the project provides cutting edge innovation and discovery spaces to support the MLSOC, allowing the program to double enrollment. This wing of the facility is directly adjacent to the existing MLSOC facility, Bishop-Favrao Hall, which the program will retain. The two-story Innovation Lab is one such feature space for the school, directly adjacent to the Innovation Plaza which allows the program opportunities for temporary and large-scale student-based projects featuring equipment testing, display, and other uses. To meet burgeoning demand for dining and general assignment classrooms, the project also creates a 600-seat full-service multi-venue dining facility on two floors of the west wing, with flexible general assignment classrooms on the third floor, and open collaboration spaces throughout.

### **3.5 George Mason University – Arlington Campus Expansion**

The proposed building stands at 155 feet tall along Fairfax Drive, with nine stories above grade for tenants, plus a tenth partial floor for rooftop equipment access. Two stories of below grade parking, align with the existing below-grade parking structure of Van Metre Hall, and accessible from the north side of the site along Founders Way. The total DEB gross floor area is 344,712 square feet, with a planned split ratio of two-thirds academic spaces, one-third developer tenant spaces. There are 3 entrances for visitors to use at Level 1 – one set at the southeast corner of the main lobby, off the Van Metre Plaza, the second entrance greets visitors at the south of the site along Fairfax Drive, and third along the West side from the FDIC plaza, midway through the length of the floor plate. The exterior materials for the proposed design have been selected to reinforce the functionality of the building and highlight the programs it houses. The predominant materials the enclosure systems incorporate are triple paned glass curtain wall and window wall system along with metal panel and architectural precast. These materials work together to provide abundant natural light for occupants, a highly insulated wall assembly, durability, and resiliency over time, and support a timeless architectural statement. Energy modeling and bioclimatic analyses has informed building orientation, massing, and an enclosure system that has been optimized for energy efficiency and semi-intensive green roofs at most roof levels of the building. Transparent glazing will be strategically designed to admit glare-free daylight and provide remarkable views, while putting innovation on display from the exterior. Creating a marquee environment for Mason and industry partners to enhance their creativity, focus and productivity motivated our design response. This ideal is reinforced with spaces that are filled with daylight and abundant views to connect with the surrounding landscape.

## **4.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS**

\*\*Next AARB Meeting is January 7, 2022.

## **5.0 MEETING ADJOURNED**