

Approved Minutes
Art and Architectural Review Board
March 1, 2024, at 10:00am
Old City Hall, Conference Room #115
1001 E Broad St, Richmond, VA 23219

1.0 ADMINISTRATION

10:10 am

1.1 CALL TO ORDER

Lynden Garland, Chair

Board Members Present: Lynden Garland, Chair; Rebecca Deeds, Vice-Chair; Adrienne Birge-Wilson, for Megan Melinat / DHR Representative, Anne Smith, and Jill Nolt.

Board Members Absent: Anca Lipan; Megan Melinat.

DGS Staff Present: Kimberly Freiberger

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 for Approval of Meeting Minutes from the February 2, 2024, meeting:

Motion: Jill Nolt

Second: Anne Smith

Vote: (5-Y 0-N)

1.4 OTHER BUSINESS

None

2.0 CONSENT AGENDA

2.1 Virginia Community College System / Brightpoint Community College, Chester Campus Flagpoles Project

(Final Approval)

The project is to provide three new lighted flagpoles in front of Nicholas Center, the Student Center on the Chester Campus. The scope includes demolition of two existing flagpoles currently located in front of Goyne Hall. The new proposed location is more prominently visible and aligned with the primary campus entry along Brightpoint Drive.

Department of Historic Resources (DHR) – The Department does not need to review.

Other Board Comments: None

Motion to Approve: Rebecca Deeds

Second: Jill Nolt

Vote: 5-Y 0-N

2.2 Longwood University – Baseball Field Turf Conversion and Batting Facility

(Final Approval)

The proposed batting facility on the Longwood University Campus will provide a covered batting and pitching practice area adjacent to the left field line of the baseball field. The proposed facility is a pre-engineered metal building (PEMB), with a sloped metal roof and brick piers at the bents. The area of the facility is 5,400 SF.

Department of Historic Resources (DHR) – The Department does not need to review.

Other Board Comments: None

Motion to Approve: Rebecca Deeds

Second: Jill Nolt

Vote: 5-Y 0-N

2.3 Virginia Community College System / New River Community College – Construction of Two New Plazas

(Final Approval)

This project provides for the construction of two new plazas to connect the parking lot to Rooker and Martin Halls at New River Community College. The design of these plazas includes a new stone wall, a new welcome sign, new brick seat walls to match existing brick buildings, an interactive kiosk, an archway with columns to match the fascia of existing buildings, concrete and brick paving, new concrete pathways, new lighting, and new plantings consisting of trees, shrubs, and perennials and groundcovers selected from the Master Plan plant palette.

Department of Historic Resources (DHR) – The Department does not need to review.

Other Board Comments: None

Motion to Approve: Rebecca Deeds

Second: Jill Nolt

Vote: 5-Y 0-N

2.4 Virginia Tech / Vet Med: CMMID Lab Suite Renovation

(Final Approval)

The project proposes to renovate interior spaces of the Center for Molecular Medicine and Infectious Diseases (CMMID) to provide for a new Center for One Health Research (COHR) lab program and related support spaces. To increase the level of natural light in the lab space, exterior windows will be added in similar rhythm to existing windows. Due to challenges with existing egress widths, an emergency exit door will be added within an existing exterior opening to provide an additional accessible egress path.

Department of Historic Resources (DHR) – The Department does not need to review.

Other Board Comments: None

Motion to Approve: Rebecca Deeds

Second: Jill Nolt

Vote: 5-Y 0-N

2.5 Virginia Tech / Health & Safety Building Window Addition

(Final Approval)

Environmental Health and Safety desires to increase the amount of natural light in a space on the lower level of the Health & Safety Building. This project proposes the addition of an aluminum sliding window with a dark bronze finish and precast concrete sill to match the existing adjacent pair of sliding windows on the west building elevation.

Department of Historic Resources (DHR) – The Department does not need to review.

Other Board Comments: None

Motion to Approve: Rebecca Deeds

Second: Jill Nolt

Vote: 5-Y 0-N

2.6 Virginia Tech / Inventive Lane Storage Building

(Final Approval)

Existing exterior finishes of the Inventive Lane Storage Building, No. 0585, are worn and beyond their useful life. The project proposes to replace the siding, roofing, and exterior doors. One hinged door and one overhead door will be removed and infilled with wall framing to match existing. The existing color scheme does not align with other existing buildings in the area and will be reclad in a palette to match.

Department of Historic Resources (DHR) – The Department does not need to review.

Other Board Comments: None

Motion to Approve: Rebecca Deeds

Second: Jill Nolt

Vote: 5-Y 0-N

2.7 Virginia Community College System / TCC-VB Construct New Monolithic Sign

(Final Approval)

A new monumental sign along Princess Anne Road. The sign is 18'-0" high at its tallest point and the form mimics the angled metal panel of the Student Center on the campus. The metal panel is anchored in a brick base. There is also a large 14' wide by 8' tall digital display that is 8' above the ground level. TCC logo and lettering will be lit with white ground mounted LED lighting. As part of the project the existing Brick and Precast sign will be demolished, and the site restored to match adjacent. DHR approval has already been received for demolition.

Department of Historic Resources (DHR) – The Department has reviewed and determined that there are no historical resources to be impacted.

Other Board Comments:

- Board recommends increasing the width of the brick wall to allow for more space on either side of the TCC logo and lettering.

Motion to Approve with Board Comments: Rebecca Deeds

Second: Jill Nolt

Vote: 5-Y 0-N

2.8 Virginia State Police / Garage Building Division 3 Headquarters

(Final Approval)

A 1-story, 4,899 sq. ft., pre-engineered metal building for vehicle storage (garage) will be constructed behind the existing Division 3 Headquarters building in Appomattox, VA. The building will be placed at the back of the rear parking lot. It will not be plainly visible from Police Tower Rd. It will have an A-roof with metal wall and roof panels and five (5) bays. There is no hardscaping/landscaping/exterior furniture needed or proposed for this storage building. It will have an asphalt approach in the front and the other three sides will be surrounded by grass.

Department of Historic Resources (DHR) – The project is pending DHR review given its proximity to natural drainage and precontract archaeological resources have been found in the vicinity.

Other Board Comments:

- Provide a rendering of the new building in context with the existing Division 3 HQ from pedestrian perspective.

Motion to Approve with Board Comments: Rebecca Deeds

Second: Jill Nolt

Vote: 5-Y 0-N

2.9 Department of Conservation and Recreation / Demolition of Cabins 19-25, Westmorland State Park

(Final Approval)

Project consists of the demolition of 7 non-contributing cabins at Westmoreland State Park. Each cabin is approximately 850 s.f.

Department of Historic Resources (DHR) – The Department has conferred with the Department of Conservation and Recreation and issued a conditional approval. DHR will need to about future development on the site.

Other Board Comments: None

Motion to Approve with Board Comments: Rebecca Deeds

Second: Jill Nolt

Vote: 5-Y 0-N

2.10 Virginia Commonwealth University / VCU Arts and Innovation Academic Building (AIAB), Exterior Building Signage

(Final Approval)

This submission includes the approval request to locate (6) exterior building signs on the exterior facades of the proposed VCU Arts & Innovation Academic Building (to be named the CoStar Center for Arts & Innovation). In support of the AARB approved VCU AIAB exterior design, Virginia Commonwealth University wishes locate illuminated building signage on all (4) facades of the proposed building. The proposed exterior building signage will identify the building's official name on the two main facades and will also include VCU's official university logo at the top of the building on each of the (4) cardinal façades.

Department of Historic Resources (DHR) – The Department reviewed and determined that there are no issues.

Other Board Comments:

- CoStar signage is approved.

- Consider limiting the VCU signage on the top of the building to the priority facades.
- Consider additional VCU signage and branding on the street level and provide renderings for locations.

Motion to Approve with Board Comments: Rebecca Deeds

Second: Jill Nolt

Vote: 4-Y 0-N [1-A, Jill Nolt]

3.0 PROJECT REVIEWS – No Project Submissions

4.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next AARB meeting will be held on Friday, April 5, 2024.

5.0 MEETING ADJOURNED 11:05 am