

Virginia Museum of Fine Arts
Draft Minutes of the Building Committee Meeting
Tuesday, June 11, 2024, 12:30pm
Claiborne Robertson Room

There were present:

Brian Ball, Chair
Janet Geldzahler, *Virtual (personal)*
Pamela Royal
Lynette Allston, Trustee President, ex-officio

Absent:

Jim Cheng
Matt Cooper

By Invitation:

Alex Nyerges, Director and Chief Executive Officer
Jame Anderson, SmithGroup
Belilta Asfaw, SmithGroup
Kay Baker
Candy Banks
Dayal Baxani
Caprice Bragg
Edie Cabaniss
David Cary
Cindy Conner
Stephanie Cooperstein
Ken Dye
Courtney Freeman
Michael Gilbert, Department of General Services
Marcia Gilliam
Ann Goettman
Tom Gutenberger
Andrew Harris
Jan Hatchette
Tim Hill
Bill Keyes
Andy Lewis
Marianne Littel
Deb Love, Office of the Attorney General
Curt Manchester, Office of the Attorney General
Karen McGill
Bob Mooney
Whitney Murphy
Casey Nye
John O'Connor
Jay Olander
Dayton Schroeter, SmithGroup

Christina Shin
Anne Smith
Michael Taylor

I. CALL TO ORDER

Committee Chair Brian Ball called the meeting to order at 12:35pm.

II. MINUTES APPROVAL

Motion: A motion was made by Dr. Pam Royal and seconded by Ms. Lynette Allston to approve the minutes of the March 20, 2024 meeting of the Building Committee as distributed. Motion carried.

III. EXPANSION AND RENOVATION PROJECT UPDATES

Mr. Alex Nyerges, Virginia Museum of Fine Arts Director and Chief Executive Officer, reported that the renovation of the Leslie Cheek Theater is underway and scheduled to be completed in the fall 2024. The overall total raised for the Cheek Theater renovation project is \$5.3 million. Once re-opened, the theater will be the first completed phase of the museum's overall expansion and renovation project.

IV. EXPANSION DESIGN UPDATES

Ms. Jame Anderson, SmithGroup Principal in Charge, Mr. Dayton Schroeter, SmithGroup Design Director, and Belilta Asfaw, SmithGroup Architect and Designer, presented an initial overview of the museum's schematic design. Ms. Anderson noted that work is on schedule and that next steps include the creation of a planning design, which will have a greater level of detail. They shared highlights of preliminary interior concepts, which include flute abstracted classical elements, connections to nature with bio-organic details, and bright, open, and inviting spaces. The presentation concluded with options for public space and an overview of an event area with a 500-person capacity.

V. GROVE AVENUE STORAGE FACILITY UPDATE

Mr. Nyerges reported that after extensive research and site visits for additional art storage space for the museum, it was determined to be more logistically and financially sound to construct a 12,000 square-foot facility on Grove Avenue on museum property. The facility is scheduled to be completed in 2025, which coincides with the museum's need to begin storing art in preparation for the construction of the expansion. It is anticipated that the storage facility will continue to house the museum's growing collection.

VI. ADJOURNMENT/OTHER BUSINESS

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made, seconded, and approved by the committee at 1:16pm.

Recorded by: Kay Baker
Administrative Assistant