

Virginia Museum of Fine Arts  
Minutes of the Building Committee Meeting  
Wednesday, February 5, 2020, 12:00pm - 2:00pm  
Claiborne Robertson Room

There were present:

David Goode, *conference*  
Marland Buckner  
Edie Cabaniss, *conference*  
Bob Mooney  
John O'Connor  
Jay Olander, *conference*  
Tom Papa  
Pam Royal  
Charlie Whitaker  
Monroe Harris Jr., Ex-Officio  
Jim Klaus, Ex-Officio  
Lilo Ukrop, Ex-Officio

Absent:

Ting Xu

By Invitation:

Alex Nyerges  
Kay Baker  
Stephen Bonadies  
Caprice Bragg  
Jody Green  
Tom Gutenberger  
Jan Hatchette  
Thomas Lunsford  
Cynthia Norwood  
Steve Pancham, McDonough Bolyard Peck  
Hossein Sadid  
Michael R. Taylor  
Kimberly Wilson  
Jim Yatzeck, McDonough Bolyard Peck

## I. CALL TO ORDER

Board of Trustees President Monroe Harris, Jr. welcomed the committee and called the meeting to order at 12:07pm.

## II. COMMITTEE

Mr. Alex Nyerges, VMFA Museum Director, welcomed the committee and encouraged introductions around the room. Afterwards, he stated that the purpose of this committee is to recommend an architect and expansion plan to the Board of Trustees for approval. The Building Committee is comprised of members of the Board of Trustees, VMFA Foundation Board, and others. Dr. Michael Taylor, VMFA Chief Curator and Deputy Director for Art and Education, will serve as the project manager and staff liaison to the Committee.

## III. STATUS OF CAPITAL REQUEST

Mr. Nyerges provided an update on the status of the capital request. He reminded the committee that \$6.3 million dollars was approved as part of the 2019 Appropriation Act for planning. This project, the only capital project approved fully by the Governor in the mid-biennium, included a match requirement for private dollars. Mr. Nyerges also stated that the timeline for this project has accelerated due to the number of other Capital requests.

The Governor's 2021-2023 budget includes a VMFA request of \$125 million for a building expansion. It must be approved by the House of Delegates and Senate. If approved, it is anticipated to include a match component of private dollars.

## IV. PROPOSED APPROACH FOR BUILDING EXPANSION

Mr. Nyerges presented the key milestones for the museum expansion project including: the completion of a space study (February 2018), engagement of campaign counsel (February 2019), launch of the first phase of a comprehensive campaign (June 2019), authorization of \$6.3 million for planning (2019), and convening of the Building Committee (February 2020). Future milestones are to include the selection of an architect (April 2020) and the beginning of construction (June 2022).

Mr. Nyerges then introduced Mr. Steve Pancham and Mr. Jim Yatzeck of McDonough Bolyard Peck (MBP) as potential owner's representatives for VMFA.

## V. BUILDING COMMITTEE MATERIALS

Mr. Pancham provided information on how his company, MBP, would represent VMFA during the planning and selection of an architect. The committee discussed the process of creating requests for proposals, RFP's, a potential timeline for this project, and best practices.

Mr. Pancham also provided a case study of their work with the Eastern Virginia Medical School's Education and Academic Administration Building in Norfolk, VA.

At 1:03pm the meeting went into closed session.

**Motion:** proposed by Mr. Monroe Harris, Jr. and seconded by Mr. David Goode that the meeting go into closed session under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act, Section 2.2-3711(A), subsections (6) and (10) of the Code of Virginia to discuss the investing of public funds where competition or bargaining is involved, where, if made public initially, the financial interest of the Museum would be adversely affected. Motion approved.

At 1:19pm the meeting resumed in open session.

**Motion:** proposed by Mr. Monroe Harris, Jr. and seconded by Ms. Pam Royal that the committee certify that the closed session just held was conducted in compliance with Virginia State Law, as set forth in the Certification Resolution distributed. Motion carried.

A roll call vote was taken, the results of which are outlined in the Certification Resolution.

**Motion:** The Committee motioned and approved to engage McDonough Bolyard Peck as the owner's representative in the first phase of the project.

## VI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:29pm.

Recorded by: Thomas R. Lunsford  
Executive Administrator to the VP for Board Relations and Strategic Planning

MOTION: Monroe Harris, Jr

MEETING: Building Committee

SECOND: Pam Royal

DATE: February 5, 2020

**CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED MEETING**

**WHEREAS**, the Art & Collections Committee has convened a closed meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provisions of The Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 2.2-3712 (A) of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by this Board that such closed meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Art & Collections Committee hereby certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge, (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the closed meeting to which this certification resolution applies, and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed or considered by the Art & Collections Committee.

**VOTE**

AYES: Goode / Buckner / Cabaniss / Papa / Royal / Whitaker

NAYS: None

ABSENT DURING VOTE: None

ABSENT DURING MEETING: None