INTRODUCED: March 24, 2014

AN ORDINANCE No. 2014-75-54

To amend Ord. No. 90-15-31, adopted Feb. 26, 1990, as previously amended by Ord. No. 96-169-163, adopted Jun. 24, 1996, Ord. No. 99-428-2000-16, adopted Jun. 24, 2000, and Ord. No. 2003-246-253, adopted Sept. 8, 2003, which authorized a special use of the property known as 428 North Boulevard, to permit exterior and interior modifications for museum and library purposes and to permit mobile food businesses, upon certain terms and conditions.

Patron – Mayor Jones (By Request)

Approved as to form and legality by the City Attorney

PUBLIC HEARING: APR 28 2014 AT 6 P.M.

THE CITY OF RICHMOND HEREBY ORDAINS:

- I. That Ordinance No. 90-15-31, adopted February 26, 1990, as previously amended by Ordinance No. 96-169-163, adopted June 24, 1996, Ordinance No. 99-428-2000-16, adopted January 24, 2000, and Ordinance No. 2003-246-253, adopted September 8, 2003, be and is hereby amended and reordained as follows:
- § 1. That the property, a parcel of land known, numbered and designated 428 N. Boulevard (Virginia Historical Society), located at the southwest corner of N. Boulevard and Kensington Avenue, being more completely described [as follows: beginning at the point of

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intersection of the west right of way line of N. Boulevard and the south right of way line of Kensington Avenue; thence extending in a westerly direction along the south right of way line of Kensington Avenue 730.97 feet to the east right of way line of Sheppard Street; thence extending in a southerly direction along the east right of way line of Sheppard Street 379.50 feet to a property line; thence extending in an easterly direction along a property line 733.06 feet to the west right of way line of N. Boulevard; thence extending in a northerly direction along the west right of way line of N. Boulevard 379.50 feet to the point of beginning,] on the plat entitled "Existing Conditions on a 6.377 Acre Parcel of Land Being the Virginia Historical Society Lying on the South Line of Kensington Avenue between N. Boulevard and N. Sheppard Street at 428 N. Boulevard, City of Richmond, VA," prepared by Gene Watson & Associates, P.C. and dated June 11, 2012, a copy of which is attached to and made a part of this amendatory ordinance is hereby authorized to be used for purposes of [the construction of a south wing addition, together with a previously constructed north wing addition, an accessory gift shop and accessory parking for the Virginia Historical Society Library and Museum and for nonaccessory office space exterior and interior modifications for museum, library and mobile food business uses, substantially as shown on sheets A1.0A, A1.0B, A1.1B, A2.0 Part A, A2.0 Part B, C1.0, C4.0, L101 through L106, L201 through L203, L302 and L303, of the plans entitled "Virginia Historical Society, Story of Virginia Campaign Renovations," prepared by Glavé & Holmes Architecture, with sheets C1.0, A2.0 Part A, A2.0 Part B, A1.0A, A1.0B and A1.1B dated October 25, 2013, sheet C4.0 being dated November 15, 2013, and sheets L101 through L106, L201 through 203, and L302 through L303 being dated November 15, 2013, and last revised December 23, 2013, copies of which are attached to and made a part of this amendatory ordinance.

- § 2. That the adoption of this ordinance shall constitute the granting of a special use permit for the property, which shall be transferable from the owner of the property to the successor or successors in fee simple title of the owner, whether acquired by operation of law, deed or otherwise, and which shall run with the land.
- [§2.] § 3. That the Commissioner of Buildings is hereby authorized to issue to the owner of the [real estate] property, or its successor in fee simple title, [a special use permit for such purposes, and to permit the construction of the south wing addition to the Virginia Historical Society Library and Museum, substantially as shown on sheets T1.1, C1.0 through C5.0, L1.1, D1.1 through D1.4, A1.0 through A1.7, A2.1 and A2.2 of the plans entitled "Virginia Historical Society, South Wing Addition and Alterations, SPECIAL USE PERMIT APPLICATION, JANUARY 8, 2003", prepared by Glave & Holmes Associates, Architecture and Design, and dated December 20, 2002, copies of which are attached to and made a part of this amendatory ordinance. The permits shall be transferable to the successor in title of the owner, whether acquired by operation of law, deed or otherwise, and shall run with the land] a building permit, substantially in accordance with the plans referred to above, for the aforementioned purposes, subject to the following terms and conditions:
- (a) That the owner of the property shall be bound by, <u>shall</u> observe and shall comply with all other laws, ordinances [and], rules and regulations adopted pursuant thereto, applicable to the land and buildings, except as otherwise provided in this ordinance;
- (b) That [not less] no fewer than one hundred [thirty (130)] nineteen (119) parking spaces shall be provided on site substantially as shown on the [attached] plans attached to this ordinance. The on-site parking area and access aisles shall be paved with a dust-free, all weather surface and parking spaces shall be delineated. The parking spaces shall be screened from view

from public streets and adjacent properties through the maintenance of existing vegetation or by other measures as may be required by the detailed landscaping plan required by <u>subsection</u> (e), below;

- (c) That [not less] no fewer than seventy (70) parking spaces shall be provided off site at a surface parking lot located in the 500 block of North Colonial Avenue. Such parking shall be available exclusively for the museum or nonaccessory office use located on the subject property during its hours of operation with the exception of Wednesday evenings after 6:00 [PM] p.m. and Sunday mornings prior to 1:00 [PM] p.m. Signage shall be provided on the subject property that identifies, in a conspicuous manner, the availability and location of the off-site parking. A formal lease agreement assuring the continued availability of the surface parking lot shall be submitted to the Zoning Administrator and the City Attorney for review and approval before a certificate of use and occupancy for the [south wing addition] exterior and interior modifications shown in the plans attached to this amendatory ordinance may be issued [-1];
- (d) That use of the building shall be as a library and museum with accessory gift shop sales and accessory classroom and educational space, with the option of up to 11,500 square feet of nonaccessory office space on the third floor of the south wing addition and the option of [up to 10,500 square feet of] nonaccessory archival storage space and archival laboratory space in the building. The occupancy of the building shall be limited to 650 individuals at any given time until such time that all the following conditions are met:

(1) [A parking deck is constructed on the abutting property to the south;

(2)] The parking deck <u>located on the abutting property to the south</u> is available for use by the general public or, if not available to the general public, a formal lease or written agreement assuring the continued availability of the parking spaces within the

parking deck for the use of the [subject] property shall be submitted to the Zoning Administrator and the City Attorney for review and approval;

- [(3)] (2) The parking deck <u>located on the abutting property to the south</u> is available for use during the hours of operation of the subject property;
- [(4)] (3) Signage that identifies, in a conspicuous manner, the availability and location of the parking deck is provided on the subject property; and
- [(5)] (4) For any museum event, the attendance of which would increase the total occupancy of the museum to an excess of 650 persons at one time, the parking deck located on the abutting property to the south shall be available for use by the individuals visiting the museum [at no charge or any fee shall be validated by the museum].

The parking spaces within [such a] the deck [do not] located on the abutting property to the south need not to be individually designated. The parking spaces and access isles within [such a] the deck may be substandard in their dimensions. The maximum occupancy of the building shall in no case exceed that permitted by applicable building and fire codes.

(e) That landscaping shall be provided and existing vegetative material be retained substantially as depicted on the [attached] plans attached to this ordinance[. A final detailed landscape plan shall be submitted for review and approval of the Director of Community Development prior to the issuance of the first building permit for the construction of the south wing addition. Such plans may also modify the location of the proposed pedestrian connection (walkway and stairs), depicted conceptually on the attached plans, to afford access to the abutting property to the south. In addition to requiring approval by the Director of Community

Development, any such modifications shall be subject to any applicable Old and Historic Overlay district regulations as required by subsection (k), below];

- (f) [That a canopy may be constructed at the location depicted conceptually on the attached plans. Final detailed site and elevation plans shall be submitted for review and approval of the Director of Community Development prior to the issuance of the first building permit for the construction of the canopy. The canopy shall be subject to any applicable Old and Historic Overlay district regulations as required by subsection (k) below;
- (g)] That facilities for the collection of refuse shall be provided in accordance with the requirements of the Director of Public Works. Such facilities shall be located or screened as not to be visible from adjacent properties and public streets;
- [(h) That final grading and drainage plans shall be approved by the Director of Community Development prior to the issuance of building permits]
- (g) That all required final grading and drainage plans, together with all easements made necessary by such plans, shall be approved by the Director of Public Utilities prior to the issuance of building permits;
- [(i)] (h) That storm or surface water shall not be allowed to accumulate on the land, and adequate facilities for the drainage of storm or surface water from the land or buildings shall be provided by the owner at its <u>sole</u> cost and expense so as not to adversely affect or damage adjacent properties or public streets and the use thereof;
- [(j)] (i) [Identification] That identification of the premises shall be limited to one free-standing sign not exceeding twenty-four square feet in area and one wall-mounted sign on the north face of the building not exceeding sixteen (16) square feet in area at substantially the location shown on the [attached] plans attached to Ordinance No. 2003-246-253, adopted

<u>September 8, 2003</u>. The final design and location of any such signs shall be subject to the review and approval of the Director of [Community] Planning and Development Review;

- [(k)] (j) That any exterior alterations and site improvements shall be subject to the provisions of any applicable Old and Historic Overlay district regulations and any approvals granted by the Commission of Architectural Review;
- [$(\frac{1}{4})$] ($\frac{k}{k}$) That should the owner use the premises for any purpose which is not permitted by this ordinance, or fails, refuses or neglects to comply with <u>any of</u> the provisions of [foregoing paragraphs (a) through (k)] this ordinance and does not terminate such use or comply with such provisions within sixty days after written notice so to do has been given to the owner by the Zoning Administrator, the privileges granted by this ordinance shall terminate and the special use permit shall become null and void;
- [(m) That when the privileges granted by this ordinance terminate and the special use permit becomes null and void or when use of the premises is abandoned for a period of twenty-four consecutive months, use of the real estate shall be governed thereafter by the zoning regulations prescribed for the district in which the real estate is then situated; and]
- [(n)] (l) That application for the building permit to construct [the addition to the building] the exterior and interior modifications shown in the plans attached to this amendatory ordinance shall be made within twenty-four (24) months from the effective date of this amendatory ordinance, which building permit shall expire [by limitation] and shall become null and void if [the building addition] any necessary construction is not commenced within one hundred eighty (180) days from the date of the building permit, or if [work of constructing the building addition] construction is suspended or abandoned for a period of one hundred eighty (180) days at any time after [the work] such construction is commenced, as provided in the

applicable provisions of the Virginia Uniform Statewide Building Code, and if application for the building permit is not made within twenty-four (24) months from the effective date of this amendatory ordinance or should the building permit expire and become null and void after the expiration of the twenty-four (24) month time period for making application for the building permit, the privileges granted by this amendatory ordinance shall terminate and the special use permit shall become null and void[-].

- [(o) No] (m) That no permit implementing this special use permit shall be approved until satisfactory evidence has been presented to the Zoning Administrator that any delinquent real estate taxes applicable to the subject property have been paid[-];
- (n) That any encroachments existing, proposed on the plans attached to this ordinance or contemplated in the future shall require separate authorization and shall be subject to the applicable provisions of the Code of the City of Richmond (2004), as amended;
- (o) That in all other respects, the use of the properties shall be in accordance with the applicable underlying zoning regulations; and
- (p) That the area of the subject property designated on the plans attached to this ordinance as "Food Truck Court" shall be used no more than twice a week by no more than ten mobile food businesses, subject to the following conditions:
 - (1) For purposes of this ordinance, the term "mobile food business" means a business that (i) is operated from other than public property or a public street or alley, (ii) does not operate from a fixed location, but is mobile and operates from one or more locations on an intermittent basis, and (iii) either serves or prepares and serves food or beverages from a truck, an other motorized vehicle or a trailer on wheels, including

accessory appurtenances such as chairs, tables, grills and generators, when such truck, vehicle, trailer and appurtenances are readily movable from one location to another.

- (2) The sale of non-food or non-beverage items shall be limited to items that are incidental to the primary business of food or beverage sales.
- (3) Mobile food businesses may be operated only from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. during the days of operation of the "Food Truck Court" and shall be removed from the subject property during the periods of time during which they may not be operated. The operator or the designee thereof shall be present at all times during which the mobile food business is located on the subject property.
- (4) A mobile food business shall not be located within any required yard, within five feet of any driveway, public sidewalk, utility box, handicapped ramp, building entrance or exit, or similar feature, or within 15 feet of any fire hydrant. The requirements of this subdivision shall apply to the vehicle or trailer from which the mobile food business is operated as well as its associated customer waiting, sales and service areas and other permitted accessory facilities.
- (5) A mobile food business shall not be located or operated in any manner as to impede, endanger or interfere with pedestrian or vehicular traffic on the property or the adjacent public street. The requirements of this subdivision shall apply to the vehicle or trailer from which the mobile food business is operated as well as its associated customer waiting, sales and service areas and other permitted accessory facilities.
- (6) Electric power serving a mobile food business may be provided only by a generator that is located in, is attached to or is an integral part of the vehicle or trailer from

which the business is operated or by a temporary connection to a fixed power supply in accordance with applicable code provisions.

- (7) No amplified sound shall be permitted in conjunction with a mobile food business that is audible beyond the boundaries of the property.
- (8) Toilet facilities for patrons of a mobile food business shall be provided in accordance with applicable code provision and may be provided by facilities located within another use on the property. In any case where portable toilets are provided, they shall be removed from the lot when the mobile food business is not in operation.
- (9) All signage related to a mobile food business shall be attached flat to the vehicle, trailer or permitted accessory appurtenance from which the business is operated, and no freestanding signs shall be permitted.
- (10) At least one covered trash container for use by patrons shall be provided for each mobile food business. The site of the mobile food business shall be kept sanitary, neat and clean at all times, and free from accumulation of leftover food and beverages, used eating and drinking utensils, and litter. The operator of the mobile food business shall be responsible for cleaning up any trash or litter on the site emanating from the mobile food business.
- [§3.] § 4. That the privileges granted by this <u>amendatory</u> ordinance may under certain circumstances be revoked. Upon noting that a condition of a special use permit has been violated, the Zoning Administrator shall issue a written notice of violation to the property owner. The notice shall inform the property owner (i) which condition or conditions have been violated, (ii) the nature of the violation, and (iii) that the City Planning Commission shall hold a public hearing at which it shall review the violation and the special use permit pursuant to the

provisions of sections [32-1050.7 through 32-1050.11] 114-1050.7 through 114-1050.11 of the Code of the City of Richmond [(1993)] (2004), as amended, if (a) the property owner does not abate the violation within thirty (30) days of the issuance of the notice or (b) three (3) notices of violation are issued to the property owner within any twelve (12) month period. No action taken pursuant to the provisions of this section shall in any way limit the City's right to pursue any other remedy at law or in equity against the property owner. Failure to comply with the terms and conditions of this ordinance shall constitute a violation of section [32-1080] 114-1080 of the Code of the City of Richmond [1993] (2004), as amended, or any other applicable laws or regulations.

- § 5. That when the privileges granted by this ordinance terminate and the special use permit becomes null and void or when use of the property is abandoned for a period of twenty-four consecutive months, use of the property shall be governed thereafter by the zoning regulations prescribed for the district in which the real estate is then situated.
- [§4.] § 6. This [amendatory] ordinance shall be in force and effect upon adoption [and Ordinance No. 90-15-31, as last amended by Ordinance No. 99-428-00-16, except as modified herein, shall continue in force].
- II. This amendatory ordinance shall be in force and effect upon adoption, and Ordinance No. 90-15-31, adopted February 26, 1990, as previously amended by Ordinance No. 96-169-163, adopted June 24, 1996, Ordinance No. 99-428-2000-16, adopted January 24, 2000, and Ordinance No. 2003-246-253, adopted September 8, 2003, shall continue in force and effect except as modified by this amendatory ordinance.

O & R REQUEST

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CITY OF RICHMOND

INTRACITY CORRESPONDENCE

Chief Administration Office City of Richmond

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DATE:

February 25, 2014

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EDITION: 1

TO:

The Honorable Members of City OFFICE OF CITY ATTORNEY

THROUGH:

Dwight C. Jones, Mayor (Patron: Mayor, by Request)

(This in no way reflects a recommendation on behalf of/the Mayor.)

THROUGH:

Byron C. Marshall, Chief Administrative Officer

THROUGH:

Peter H. Chapman, Deputy Chief Administrative

Development and Planning

FROM:

Mark A. Olinger, Director of Planning and Development Review

SUBJECT:

Special use permit amendment for 428 North Boulevard (Virginia Historical Society) to authorize exterior and interior modifications for museum and library purposes and to authorize mobile food businesses, upon certain terms and

conditions.

ORD. OR RES. No.

PURPOSE: To amend Ordinance No. 90-15-31, adopted February 26, 1990, as last amended by Ordinance No. 2003-246-253, adopted September 8, 2003, which authorized a special use of the property known as 428 North Boulevard (Virginia Historical Society), to authorize exterior and interior modifications for museum and library purposes and to authorize mobile food businesses, upon certain terms and conditions.

REASON: The subject property is zoned R-6 Single-Family Attached Residential, which does not permit the existing museum/library because it is neither owned nor operated by a governmental agency. The original museum structure on the site was constructed in 1913. The museum became nonconforming in 1976 when the zoning ordinance was amended to remove the private museum use from the R-6 zoning district. A special use permit and subsequent amendments authorized expansions to the museum/library in 1990, 1996, 2000 and 2003. The applicant has requested a new amendment to the special use permit to authorize additional exterior and interior modifications for museum and library purposes. The new amendment would also legitimize the use of the subject property by mobile food businesses currently taking place.

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RECOMMENDATION: In accordance with the requirements of the City Charter and the Zoning Ordinance, the City Planning Commission will review this request and make a recommendation to City Council. This item will be scheduled for consideration by the Commission once it has been introduced to City Council. A letter outlining the Commission's recommendation will be forwarded to City Council following that meeting.

BACKGROUND: The subject property is private museum and library located within The Museum District neighborhood of the Near West planning district. It is also located within an R-6 Single-Family Attached Residential zoning district, and the Boulevard National Historic District and Boulevard City Old & Historic District.

Previous amendments to the existing special use permit have authorized various modifications and additions to the Virginia Historical Society. The current amendment request would authorize modifications to the south entry and Boulevard entry and a new north entry that would provide access to a new education and classroom space to be used for museum and library programming. The amendment request would also legitimize and create standards for the food truck court currently being operated periodically on the property.

Parking is provided on site with supplemental parking being provided at the Virginia Museum of Fine Art's parking garage. Staff parking is provided at a surface parking lot at 515 North Colonial Avenue.

The City of Richmond's Master Plan designates the subject property for institutional land use. Primary uses include institutional uses such as places of worship, private schools, universities, museums, hospitals, and other care facilities. Typically this land use category depicts larger scale uses, while small-scale uses of this type are incorporated within the predominant surrounding land use designations (p. 135).

Parcels to the east of the subject property are zoned R-48, whereas parcels to the north are zoned R-6, R-48, and R-73. Parcels to the west and south are within the same R-6 district as the subject property. A mix of single-, two- and multi-family residential, commercial, office and institutional uses (including the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts directly to the south) are found in the area.

FISCAL IMPACT: The Department of Planning and Development Review does not anticipate any impact to the City's budget for this or future fiscal years.

COST TO CITY: Staff time for processing the request; preparation of draft ordinance; and publishing, mailing and posting of public notices.

REVENUE TO CITY: \$1,300 application fee

DESIRED EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon adoption.

REQUESTED INTRODUCTION DATE: March 24, 2014

CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING DATE: April 28, 2014

REQUESTED AGENDA: Consent

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RECOMMENDED COUNCIL COMMITTEE: None

CONSIDERATION BY OTHER GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES: City Planning Commission, April 21, 2014

AFFECTED AGENCIES:

Office of Chief Administrative Officer

Law Department (for review of draft ordinance)

City Assessor (for preparation of mailing labels for public notice)

RELATIONSHIP TO EXISTING ORDINANCES: Amend Ordinance No. 90-15-31, adopted February 26, 1990, as last amended by Ordinance No. 2003-246-253, adopted September 8, 2003.

ATTACHMENTS:

Draft Ordinance, Application Form, Applicant's Letter, Survey, Plans

STAFF:

Matthew J. Ebinger, Senior Planner

Land Use Administration (Room 511)

646-6308

DCD O&R No.14-10



Application for SPECIAL USE PERMIT

Department of Planning and Development Review
Land Use Administration Division
900 E. Broad Street, Room 511
Richmond, Virginia 23219
(804) 646-6304
http://www.richmondgov.com/

Application is hereby submitted for: (check one) special use permit, new special use permit, plan amendment special use permit, text only amendment **Project Name/Location** Project Name: Virginia Historical Society Date: 10/11/2013 Property Address: 428 North Boulevard Tax Map #: W000-1286/002 Fee: \$1,300 Total area of affected site in acres: 1.80 (See page 3 for fee schedule, please make check payable to the "City of Richmond") Zoning **Proposed Use** Current Zoning: R-6 (Please include a detailed description of the proposed use in the required applicant's report) Existing Use: Museum Please refer to applicant report Is this property subject to any previous land use cases? □ No ☐ Yes If Yes, please list the Ordinance Number: 99-428-00-16 Applicant/Contact Person: Steven P. Blashfield, AIA, NCARB Company: Glave and Holmes Architecture Mailing Address: _2101 East Main Street City: Richmond VA 23223 State: Zip Code: 343-3378 Telephone: (804 1 649-9303 804 Fax: (Email: sblashfield@glaveandholmes.com **Property Owner:** Virginia Historical Society If Business Entity, name and title of authorized signee: Richard Heiman, VP for Operations & CFO Mailing Address: 428 North Boulevard City: Richmond VA 23221 State: Zip Code: Telephone: (804 342-9685 355-2399 804 rheiman@vahistorical.org Email: Property Owner Signature: (The names, addresses, telephone numbers and signatures of all owners of the property are required. Please attach additional sheets as needed. If a legal representative signs for a property owner, please attach an executed power of attorney. Faxed or photocopied signatures will not be accepted.)

NOTE: Please attach the required plans, checklist, and a check for the application fee (see Filing Procedures for special use permits)



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> November 1, 2013 Revised March 21, 2014

APPLICATION FOR A SPECIAL USE PERMIT AMENDMENT FOR THE VIRGINIA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

APPLICANT'S REPORT

The Virginia Historical Society, located at 428 North Boulevard, is a private museum and library of Virginia History operating since 1831 and occupying the site since 1957. The original structure of 1912 has been extended on several occasions, most recently under the Special Use Ordinance 90-15-31 and Amendments 96-169-163, 99-428-00-16, 2003-246-253, and 2003-247-254, and 2005-348-2006-14. The Virginia Historical Society is housed in the original 1912 Battle Abbey – a Confederate Memorial built on the north end of an area previously known as R.E. Lee Camp No. 1. The building has been expanded five times since its original construction – 1922, 1956, 1992, 2000, and 2006.

This application of Amendment to the Special Use is to permit construction of the proposed improvements detailed below, to permit modification to the provided onsite parking and provisions for offsite parking, and to permit food trucks. The overall goal for this Project is to provide interior rehabilitation to the interior galleries on the Main Level, site improvements to the Boulevard side landscape, expansion of the existing South Entry facing the property of the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts and the introduction of a new education center entry on the North side of the existing 1992 addition. Overall renovations are designed to improve the operations and circulation within and around the building, provide new amenities associated with changing demographics and programming at the Institution and to improve the overall public nature of the existing facilities. The project will also include significant mechanical system and infrastructure upgrades within the existing facility.

Boulevard Site Improvements:

It has been a consistent concern for visitors and members of the Virginia Historical Society that the front entry is foreboding and uninviting. The current site configuration has parking in the front of the building, which is often unused. The proposed site improvements are intended to reconnect the building with the street, create a more public realm, provide a more inviting and welcoming appearance and allow for outdoor activities and programs to occur on the front lawn of the facility. The new configuration will allow for accessible access to all of the levels of the front landscape so that these spaces may be used more actively for events and programming associated with the mission of the Virginia Historical Society. These changes will be accomplished by re-grading the site, introducing new walks, and elimination of the existing parking area on east side of the building.

South Entry Expansion:

The South Entry, located on the southwest corner of the existing building has, over time, become the primary entry for visitors to the existing facility. This entry was never conceived to be the primary entry, but subsequent expansions and parking configurations has led to this use. The entry is accessed through an area that was once a porte cochere for drop off to event space located at this level. This project proposes to remove the porte cochere (constructed during the 1992 expansion) and replace this area with a

new two story volume that would serve as the museum entry and address increased pedestrian circulation to the south and the parking area to the west. The addition will be limestone with large expanses of glass and will be surrounded by a new plaza space that will serve outdoor functions on occasion.

Education Center Entry:

A new entry will be constructed into the existing ground floor wall of the 1992 Library addition. This entry will allow access into the lower level, which is being partially converted to use as classroom and educational space for visiting school groups and educational programs. Work will include cutting a hole into the existing limestone façade, construction of a new roof canopy, installation of a new sidewalk/ramp and exterior stairs, and minor parking and curb reconfigurations. Several windows will also be introduced into the existing wall, and these will be screened with decorative metal work consistent with other portions of the existing structure.

Site improvements will include creation of a new entry to the Gallery Reconfiguration including ADA enhancements, modifications to entry access from the parking lot, development of a new South Entry with associated vehicular plaza, pedestrian pathways and hardscape, connectivity to the existing parking and VMFA parcel to the south, reconstruction of the space between Virginia Historical Society and Boulevard to create a new exterior plaza and direct connection to the street, closure of the northern Boulevard entrance drive, and reconfiguration of the south entry drive. Overall connections to the VMFA parcel to the south will be enhanced and formalized.

The Society currently has a full-time staff of 62. The operating hours are 10 AM – 5 PM Monday through Saturday and Sunday 1-5 PM. There are currently 118 standard spaces and 9 ADA (total 127), and the new work will result in an overall decrease in provided parking to 108 standard spaces and 11 ADA (total 119). The Virginia Historical Society currently has an agreement to lease 72 parking spaces from St. Mark's Church, and uses these spaces located at 513 Colonial Avenue (Plat #W0001249004 and W0001249022) for staff parking during the work week. The St. Mark's parking lot is located within 750 feet of the staff entrance of the Society.

In addition, the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts to the south has an approximately 600 space parking garage, within 500 feet of the main entrance to the Virginia Historical Society. This garage is owned by the State of Virginia, and open to the public. The Virginia Historical Society and the Virginia Museum of Fine Art currently use each other's parking lots for overflow parking, and work together to avoid scheduling big events concurrently. Included with this report is a letter indicating availability of spaces for use within the VMFA parking deck.

The proposed improvements will continue to enhance the mission of the Society primarily by providing a programmatic adjustment to their facilities to meet upcoming trends in operation and organization for the facility, which enhance visitor experience. The Boulevard improvements will create a more open and inviting connection between the Society and the main street frontage.

In accordance with the City of Richmond Special Use Permit the following amendment will not:

- Be detrimental to the safety, health, morals and general welfare of the community involved. The project will further evolve the existing use into an amenity to the adjacent Community.
- Tend to create congestion in the streets, roads, alleys, and other public ways and places in the area involved. The project will modify and add to the existing facility and will use existing site access points.
- Create hazards from fire, panic or other damages. The proposed amendment will provide
 adequate access for fire protection, with interior sprinkler systems, and exterior fire hydrants and
 access lanes. The proposed use of the facility will not change, thus will not promote panic or
 danger.

- Tend to cause overcrowding of land and an undue concentration of population. The proposed amendment will not increase the needed parking for the facility, and will not overcrowd the existing site. Adequate parking is provided under agreements with the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts and St. Mark's Episcopal Church.
- Adversely affect or interfere with public or privates schools, parks, playgrounds, water supplies, sewage disposal, transportation or other public requirements, conveniences, and improvements. The proposed amendment in its existing location does not interfere with schools, parks, and playgrounds. The amendment does not result in additional demands for domestic/fire water, and does not increase the discharge into the existing sewer system, nor does it impact transportation or other public requirements, conveniences and improvements.
- Interfere with adequate light and air. The proposed amendment in its existing location does modify or impede the lighting or air condition on the property or to adjacent properties.

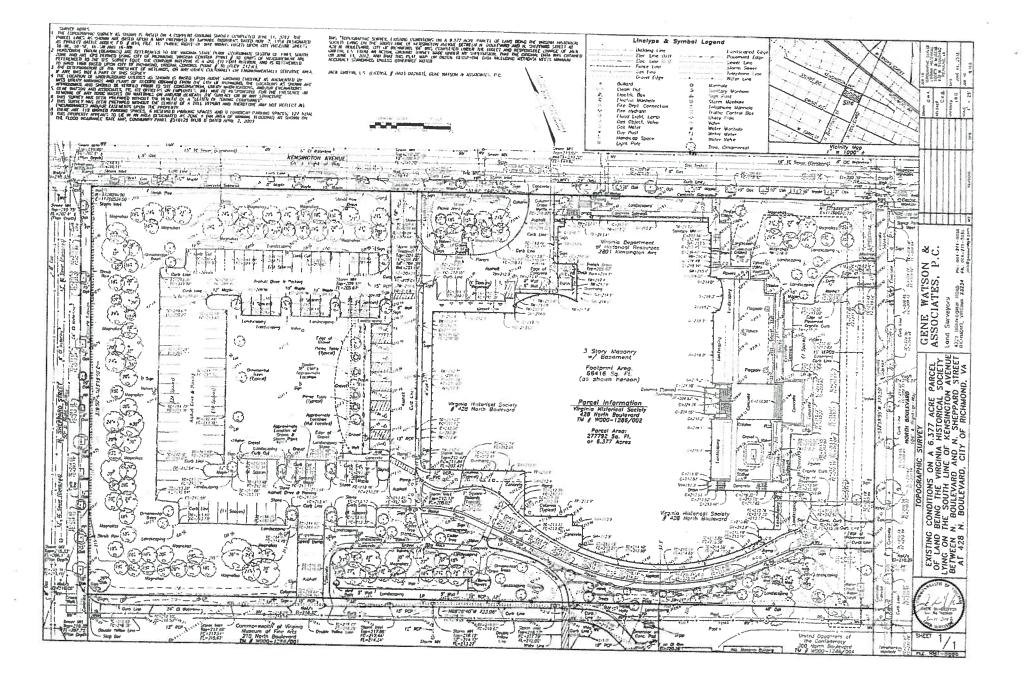
Sincerely,

DRAPER ADEN ASSOCIATES

W. Charles Kreye II, P.E.

Principal - Site Planning & Engineering

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SPECIAL USE PERMIT SUBMISSION

VIRGINIA HISTORICAL SOCIETY STORY OF VIRGINIA CAMPAIGN

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TOTAL	223,694	SO.FT
MECHANICAL FLOOR PLAN	6.875	80 FT
THIRD FLOOR PLAN	53,628	SO.FT.
SECOND FLOOR PLAN	35,439	SQ.FT.
FIRST FLOOR PLAN	57.958	SQ.FT
GROUND FLOOR PLAN	77,961	SQ.FT.
BASEMENT FLOOR PLAN	3.833	SQ.FT

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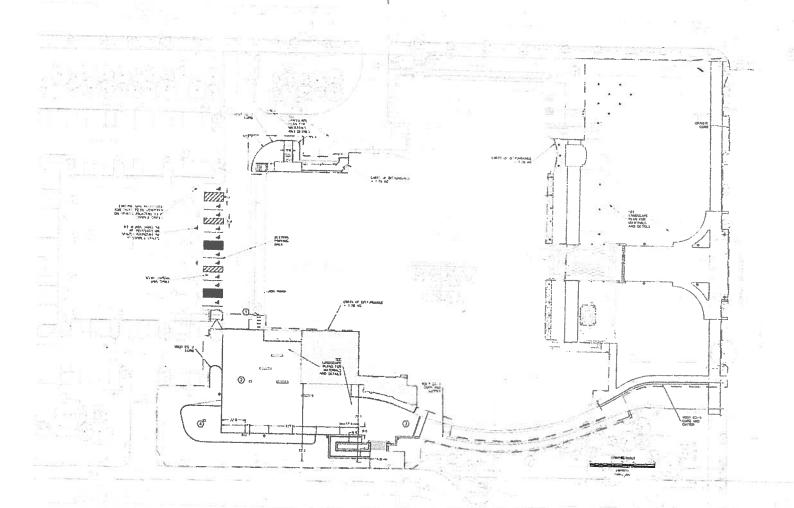
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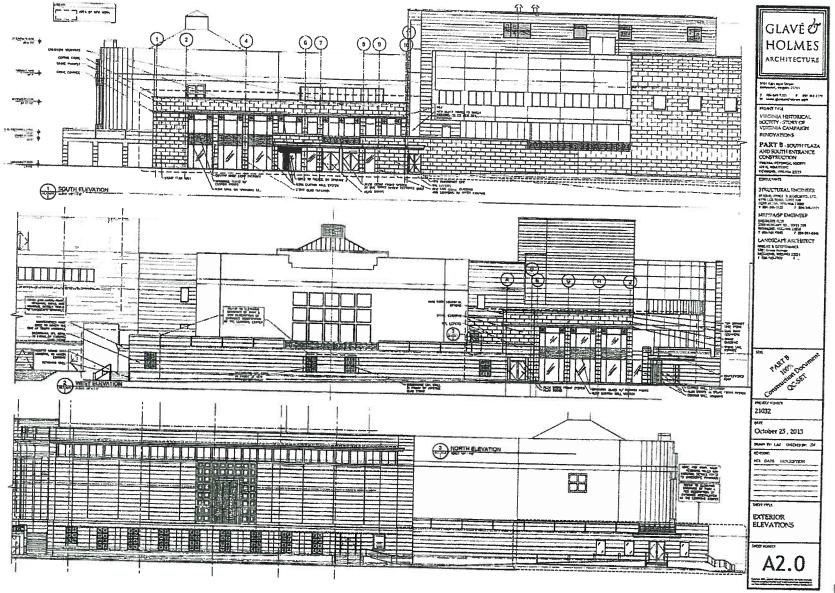
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