MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
Executive Committee of the Board of Directors of the Louisiana State Museum
Monday, May 9, 2022
10:30 am

Members Present: Suzie Terrell, Wendy Lodrig, Jay Batt, Madlyn Bagneris, Melissa Steiner

Members Absent: Ruth Burke, Malcolm Hodnett

LSM Staff Present: Anna Cahill, Michael McKnight, Yvonne Mack, Chad Morrow

A quorum was present.

I. Call to order
Suzie Terrell called the meeting to order at 10:35 am.

II. Adoption of the Agenda
Jay Batt made a motion to adopt the agenda. Madlyn Bagneris seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

III. Update on 529 St. Ann Lease
Chad Morrow provided an update regarding the Columns on the Square negotiations for the 529 St. Ann lease. He notified the Committee that the two remaining items were a request on a rent cap and extended operating hours. Wendy Lodrig suggested that the Committee move to have no rent cap for the space to keep in line with the other commercial leases. Jay Batt made the motion for Columns on the Square to have no rent cap. Madlyn Bagneris seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.
Melissa Steiner made a motion to have the lease state that closing time is 10:00pm and the space must be vacated from the hours of 11:00pm and 5:30am to keep in line with the other commercial leases. Jay Batt seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

IV. Update on 808 Chartres Lease
Wendy Lodrig notified the Committee that the new occupant for 808 Chartres (NolaCOOL) begins their lease on June 1, 2022 but has requested to not begin rent payments until August 1, 2022. Melissa Steiner made a motion for the new lease for 808 Chartres to begin on July 1, 2022 to allow time for renovations, etc. Madlyn Bagneris seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

V. 521 St. Ann Lease Application Timeline
Wendy Lodrig inquired about an appropriate advertising timeline for the 521 St. Ann space and asked for input from the Committee. A brief discussion was held regarding the timeline.
and the following was decided upon: begin advertising the space for 30 days on May 9, 2022. Close applications on June 9, 2022 at noon. Executive Committee will meet the afternoon of June 9, 2022. Irby Committee will meet on June 14, 2022 for presentations from the applicants and prepare a recommendation. Executive Committee will meet on July 11, 2022 to award the space ased on Irby Committee recommendation. Melissa Steiner made a motion to approve the timeline for the 521. St Ann application process. Madlyn Bagneris seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

VI. 507 St. Ann Lease Renewal
Wendy Lodrig notified the Committee that the occupant of 521 St. Ann (Artistic Heritage) is hesitate on signing the new lease. Sarah Stiehl with Artistic Heritage shared concerns of violence at her store front as well as security concerns. After a brief discussion, Wendy Lodrig made a motion have the 507 St. Ann lease signed by the end of the day on May 11, 2022. Melissa Steiner seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

VII. Old Business – There was no old business.

VIII. New Business – Wendy Lodrig voiced concerns over the lease application approval process for the Board being very lengthy. Suzie Terrell suggested that staff create amendments to shorten the timeline and make it more effective. Melissa Steiner motioned that LSM Staff create amendments to modify the approval process for lease applications. Madlyn Bagneris seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

IX. Adjournment – Jay Batt motioned to adjourn the meeting. Madlyn Bagneris seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 11:42 am.