

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
ARCHITECTURAL PRESERVATION COMMITTEE
THURSDAY, MARCH 9, 2023
1:30 P.M.**

Members Present: Lloyd “Tommy” Bourgeois, Ruth Burke, Malcom Hodnett and Suzie Terrell
Members Absent: Philip Albert
LSM Staff Present: Angelena Jones, Susan Maclay, Steven Maklansky
Guest: Laurence Wilson, MCWB Architects

A quorum was present

I. Call to Order

Malcolm Hodnett called the meeting to order at 1:40 p.m.

II. Adoption of the Agenda

Tommy Bourgeois moved and Ruth Burke seconded to adopt the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

III. Adoption of the Minutes

Suzie Terrell moved and Tommy Bourgeois seconded to adopt the minutes from the January 23, 2023 meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

IV. Report from Laurence Wilson, MCWB Architects on Madame John’s Legacy

Mr. Wilson provided his presentation via a PowerPoint. He noted that he had been hired to review, assess and advise on the work that had been taking place at Madame Johns Legacy. He spent three days speaking with the onsite team, various experts and local preservationists. He shared examples and corollaries of other projects that he had worked on in which similar issues had been faced.

He then made recommendations that were included in his report, which in summary was that a structural engineer who specializes in historic timber construction should be engaged to assess the structural work that had already taken place and to assess recommendations of additional work that was being proposed. He stressed this was necessary for liability purposes as well as for the needed information it would provide. He also noted that an archaeologist should be engaged to provide information on the front wall to inform decision making and that as was required by the scope and contract with the architect, an expert in historic preservation should have been/should be engaged to advise on the project.

He noted that ideally an Historic Structures Report should have been done before the work began. The project has suffered because the report was not done. He noted that the problem was that LSM was in the middle of a project with no plan. Discussion ensued. Mr. Wilson said there was a very minor typo on page 5 having nothing to do with any findings or recommendations and that he would make correction and resubmit the report.

Suzie Terrell moved and Ruth Burke seconded to accept MCWB Architects’ report as presented but with the one minor correction noted by Mr. Wilson and to make the report available to the public and the Board of Directors on Monday, March 13, 2023. The motion passed unanimously.

Upon further discussion, it was suggested to ask Laurence Wilson to stay on as a consultant, to encourage the hiring of a Structural Engineer and to have an Historic Structure Report done.

Suzie Terrell motioned and Ruth Burke seconded to seek funding to be used to keep Laurence Wilson on as a consultant. The motion passed unanimously.

Ruth Burke motioned and Tommy Bourgeois seconded to seek funds to hire a Structural Engineer to review work at Madame Johns Legacy. The motion passed unanimously.

Suzie Terrell motioned and Ruth Burke seconded to ask Irby to allocate funds for an Historic Structures Report (HSR). The motion passed unanimously.

V. Old Business – The committee did not address any old business.

VI. New Business – There was no new business.

VII. Adjourn – Tommy Bourgeois motioned and Ruth Burke seconded to adjourn the meeting at 3:48 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.