

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
ARCHITECTURE PRESERVATION COMMITTEE OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE LOSUISIANA STATE MUSEUM (LSM)
MONDAY, JUNE 12 2023
1:00 PM**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Malcolm Hodnett, Ruth Burke, Lloyd “Tommy” Bourgeois

MEMBERS ABSENT: Suzie Terrell, Phillip Albert

LSM STAFF PRESENT: Anna Cahill, Susan Maclay, Michael McKnight, Tom Strider, Maria Bennett, Karen Leathem, and Steven Maklansky

GUESTS PRESENT: Robert Cangelosi, Nathan Lott, Bryan Block

A quorum was present.

I. Call to order

Malcolm Hodnett called the meeting to order at 1:16 p.m.

II. Adoption of the Agenda

Ruth Burke made a motion to adopt the agenda. Tommy Bourgeois seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

III. Adoption of the Minutes

Ruth Burke made a motion to adopt the minutes from the April 11, 2023 committee meeting. Tommy Bourgeois seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

IV. Madame John’s Legacy (MJL)

Malcolm Hodnett notified the Committee that a meeting was held with LSM administration to discuss moving forward with the work needed to be done on MJL. He mentioned that the mission is to finish the current waterproofing project to then get additional funding for a separate project to work on continued restoration. Malcolm informed the Committee that although installation of rafter tails was previously voted against, he believes they should now move forward with installation of them to better protect the building from future water damage. A brief discussion was held and Malcolm Hodnett opened the floor for public comment.

Robert Cangelosi stated that he disagrees with installation of rafter tails and urged the Committee to only move forward with gutter install. Nathan Lott thanked the Board and Committee for their work. After discussion and public comment concluded, **Malcolm Hodnett made a motion to amend the previous decision and move forward with installing rafter tails on the front of the building. Tommy Bourgeois seconded the motion. Ruth Burke voted no but the motion passed with the affirmative votes of Mr. Hodnett and Mr. Bourgeois.**

Malcolm Hodnett asked for a motion on each of the recommendations sent by Facility Planning and Control (FPC).

- Base of the Front Facade –FPC recommends rebuilding with piers and iron fencing in-between in order to aid in the ventilation of this area. **Ruth Burke made a motion to approve FPC’s recommendation to rebuild the piers after more excavation determines their placement, but that instead of the iron fencing, a wood fence of a more temporary nature would be installed with the possibility of some chain link sections for breathability. Tommy Bourgeois seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.**
- Chimney Removal – The exterior chimney was removed due to safety and liability concerns. Recommend removal of the interior fireplace on the second floor that would be walled in and the mantle saved for reuse. The exterior would be replaced with wood siding. **Tommy Bourgeois made a motion to approve removal of the remaining chimney to the level that it is sound. Ruth Burke seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.**
- Repair and/or Replace Front Gallery Columns – The existing wood columns are to be repaired as possible and replaced in same appearance when repairs are not reasonable. Based on recommendation of the contractor, this should be done with brackets. This issue was previously addressed at a prior meeting and was not revisited. A structural engineering document had been provided right before today’s meeting, and as there was insufficient time to review the contents, the chair opted to not address this until more time could be devoted to review the document.
- Repair and/or Replace Rafter Tails on the Sides and Rear – Recommendation is use rafter tails on the front façade as well. It is believed that this will help with draining water away from the structure increasing draining efficiency and decreasing water damage adding to the structure’s longevity. It was noted that since this had already been addressed, it did not need to be voted on again.
- New roofing underlayment – Due to construction delays, the underlayment sat exposed to the elements beyond the manufacturer’s allowable limit and must be replaced. **Tommy Bourgeois made a motion to approve the recommendation to replace the roof underlayment. Ruth Burke seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.**

V. **Old Business** – There was no old business.

VI. **New Business** – There was no new business.

VII. **Adjournment** – Ruth Burke motioned to adjourn the meeting. Tommy Bourgeois seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 1:57 pm.