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**Meeting of the Community Advisory Board for the
Archive of Black History and Culture
Kusler-Cox Auditorium, Central Library
May 11, 2023, 4:00 PM
Minutes**

Members Present: Mauricio Coombs, Xavier Holiday, Lavelle Lewis, Shanterra Mitchum, Ernesta Walker, Rodney Young

Members Present Online: Carlyne Blount, Darien Lamien, Jean Pryor, Quiana Joseph-Muhammad

Members Absent: None

Staff and Guests: Antoine McDonald (online), Debi Mansour, Mack Smith, Gary Brandt

CALL TO ORDER

President Holiday called the meeting to order at 4:10 p.m.

ACTION ITEMS

Approve Minutes from April

Mr. Coombs MOVED that the minutes of the April 13 meeting be approved as presented. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Execute Agreements for Committee Members

Ms. Mansour executed the Committee Member Professional Services Agreement with Mr. Coombs.

MCLS Board of Trustees (Discussion Item)

Mr. McDonald asked to adjust the agenda to allow guest Rev. Smith to address the committee prior to commencing the rest of the agenda. Without objection, Mr. Holiday gave the floor to Rev. Smith. Rev. Smith stated that a few months ago, he submitted a proposal to the MCLS Board to create an advisory board to every library in Monroe County. He then stated that after reviewing materials he received from Mr. McDonald about the Archive of Black History and Culture project, he believed his proposal was a carbon copy of the work being done by the Community Advisory Board for the

Archive of Black History and Culture. He then asked Mr. McDonald to share his proposal with the Advisory Committee.

Mission and Vision statements

Mr. Holiday led the committee in a discussion of the Mission and Vision statements. After considerable deliberations, the committee decided to postpone the action item due to the lack of consensus and the time limitations of the meeting.

REPORT/DISCUSSION ITEMS

New Advisory Board Member

Mr. McDonald introduced new Advisory Board member, Lavelle Lewis. Mr. Lewis provided information on his credentials and thanked Mr. McDonald and the Board for the opportunity.

5-MINUTE BREAK

Mr. Brandt joined the meeting via Zoom at 5:00 p.m.

Mr. Young and Ms. Mitchum joined the meeting in person at 5:00 p.m.

Mr. Holiday attempted to give the floor to Mr. Brandt, however due to audio problems, Mr. Brandt was unable to address the meeting.

Establish Focus Group Series Schedule

Mr. Holiday led a discussion on scheduling visits to local churches to ask the congregants to complete the survey. He suggested that the committee approach four churches during the remainder of May and then reach out to four more churches in June.

Churches to be contacted:

- Zion Hill Missionary Baptist Church
- The Church of St Luke & St Simon Cyrene
- Antioch Baptist Church
- Mt Vernon Baptist Church
- Aenon Missionary Baptist Church
- Faith Temple
- Immaculate
- Mt. Olivet Baptist Church

Mr. McDonald said he will share prepared language to be used for contacting churches about the survey.

Ms. Blount added that the churches will have historical archives that could be helpful.

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Birthday Celebration Malcom X Event

Ms. Walker explained there is a Malcom X. birthday celebration coming up and she has secured a table to staff and collect survey submissions. The event is from 6:00–9:00 p.m. with set-up starting at 5:15. Everyone on the Advisory Board is welcome to join the effort. Ms. Walker and Mr. McDonald will be there. Mr. McDonald will bring a tablecloth, posters, flyers, and hard copies of the survey.

OTHER BUSINESS

Ms. Mansour was asked to email a committee roster to the group.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Young MOVED to adjourn the meeting. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY, and the meeting adjourned at 5:45 PM.