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**Meeting of the Community Advisory Board for the  
Archive of Black History and Culture  
Board Room, Central Library  
September 14, 2023, 4:00 PM  
Minutes**

**Members Present:** Xavier Holiday, Darien Lamien

**Members Present Online:** Mauricio Coombs, Lavelle Lewis, Jean Pryor, Ernesta Walker

**Members Absent:** Carolynne Blount, Quiana Joseph-Muhammad, Shanterra Mitchum,  
Rodney Young

**Staff and Guests:** Antoine McDonald, Mekko Mongeon (online)

**REPORT/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Documentation Survey

Mr. McDonald asked that the Committee members review the Documentation Survey to ensure they understand the questions and can walk a community member through the completion of the survey. One suggestion was to add photos of the different physical collection containers to help people understand the physical size of their collections.

Strategic Plan

Mr. McDonald shared the Strategic Plan of the Local History and Genealogy Division as an example and asked the Committee to identify the top three–five priorities of the Archive. The Committee decided on the following priorities, Identify, Collect, Preserve, and Disseminate.

Lavelle Lewis joined the meeting at 4:45 p.m.

**ACTION ITEMS**

Approve Minutes from August

Mr. Coombs MOVED that the minutes of the August 10th meeting be approved as presented. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

## **REPORT/DISCUSSION ITEMS, Continued**

### Strategic Plan Continued

The committee continued to discuss the four priorities.

### **5-MINUTE BREAK**

The Committee decided to skip their scheduled break.

### Strategic Plan Continued

The committee continued their discussion.

Mr. Holiday left the meeting at 5:20 p.m.

After further discussion, Mr. McDonald reminded everyone that the document will be available in MS Teams.

### Community Needs & Desires Survey Report

Ms. Mongeon introduced the Community Needs & Desires Survey Report that she prepared.

Ms. Walker suggested that the categories of identified responses be given a percentage value.

Mr. McDonald asked the committee to review the report in their own time and submit any suggestions for edits to him directly.

### Urban League Interrupt Racism Summit

Mr. McDonald stated that the presenters would be himself, Mr. Holiday, Ms. Mitchum, Mr. Lewis, and Ms. Pryor. Ms. Mongeon will be the moderator. The presentation will be on Thursday, September 21, at 3:00 p.m.

Mr. McDonald will schedule an ad-hoc meeting to discuss the presentation with the presenters. Other committee members are invited to participate.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Mr. McDonald stated the Mission and Vision statement will be submitted to the RPL Board for approval at their September Board Meeting.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 5:55 p.m.