**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE**

**LOUISIANA CIVIL RIGHTS MUSEUM**

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**Monday, October 26, 2015**

**1:00 PM – The Old U.S. Mint**

**New Orleans, Louisiana**

The scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors of the Louisiana Civil Rights Museum was called to order at 1:00 PM. A quorum was present

Members Present: Madlyn B. Bagneris; Sidney Barthelemy; Roland Belsome;; Priscilla R. Edwards; Louis Thomas Nelson; Brenda Brent Williams; and Loyce Pierce Wright

Members Absent: Karl J. Connor; Turry Flucker; Happy Johnson; Ernest Jones Walter Leger III; Robert Myer; Karen Carter Peterson; and Edward Ward, Jr.

Also Present: Yvette Cuccia, Administrative Asst. to the Director, Louisiana State Museum; Melvin Gilbert, Police Captain, Louisiana State Museum; and Celestine Washington, Contracts Administrator/Irby Manager, Louisiana State Museum

Ms. Williams called the meeting to order.

Ms. Williams said Ernest Jones would have been the representative at the City of New Orleans meeting at Armstrong Park on October 9-10, 2015, but he had to undergo emergency surgery. Instead Ms. Williams and Ms. Bagneris attended the meeting. Unfortunately, Mayor Landrieu swore the attendees to secrecy. The Mayor made it clear that he will be making the decision as to who acquires the buildings at Armstrong Park.

Ms. Bagneris said it was a meeting of people from the community. The RFP will come out on all 5 buildings no earlier than December, but the actual date the RFP will be released was unclear. All of the buildings have major termite problems.

Ms. Williams and Ms. Bagneris said they will contact the other interested groups who attended the Armstrong Park meeting about partnerships.

The Board then discussed what important community groups/people needed to be contacted regarding the need for a Civil Rights Museum site.

Groups and/or people who will be contacted included the following:

Justice and Beyond

African American Women of Purpose and Power

John Georges

Local University Presidents

Amistad Research Center

Pastor Webster and his group

Tom Watson

Chris Garden

The Louisiana Bar Association

The New Orleans Bar Association

The National Bar Association

The Louis A. Martinet Legal Society

Debra Martin

Pastor Fred Luter of the Franklin Avenue Baptist Church

Bishop Cheri

Archbishop Gregory Aymond

Nadine Ramsey

LaToya Cantrell

Stacey Head

Mr. Belsome said the presentation should be edited down to 15 minutes and should be presented wherever and whenever possible. He also suggested looking at the Mayor’s major donors. Ms. Wright said we should design and print a one page brochure. Mr. Belsome said he can get a meeting with the Executive Director of BGR (Bureau of Governmental Research) but he needs the presentation and brochure first.

Ms. Bagneris and Mr. Jones will work on an updated PowerPoint presentation.

Mayor Nelson will contact Terry Landry.

Ms. Williams wondered if the Board was missing out on fundraising and partnering with Essence Festival.

The next meeting will be on November 23rd.

Meeting adjourned.