MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
Irby/Finance Committee of the Board of Directors of the Louisiana State Museum
Monday, March 9, 2020
10:30 am – Old U.S. Mint
New Orleans, LA

Committee Members Present:  Aleta Leckelt, Anne Redd, Kevin Kelly, Madlyn Bagneris, William Wilton, and Melissa Steiner

Other Board members:  Christopher Tidmore, Christen Losey-Gregg

Members Absent:  Lee Felterman

Also Present:  Julia George Moore

LSM Staff Present:  Yvonne Mack, Steven Maklansky, Greg Lambousy, Baylee Badaway, and Bridgette Thibodeaux

A quorum was present.

I.  Call to order
Anne Redd called the meeting to order at 10:38 am.

II.  Adoption of the Agenda
Madlyn Bagneris made a motion to adopt the agenda as presented.  Aleta Leckelt seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

III.  Adoption of Minutes from Irby/Finance Committee of the Louisiana State Museum Board of Directors Meeting held November 4, 2019.
Kevin Kelly made a motion to adopt the minutes from the committee meeting held November 4, 2019.  Melissa Steiner seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

IV.  Pontalba Commercial Space Lease Report
One bid was received from Pro-Image Sports for 809 Decatur.  This is the current tenant.  Kevin Kelly discussed the upkeep of the shop and its general presentation and encouraged board members to view the space.  Madlyn Bagneris made a motion to accept the bid for 809 Decatur from Pro-Image Sports.  Melissa Steiner seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Will Wilton joined the committee meeting.
V. **New Orleans Jazz Museum**

Greg Lambousy presented information regarding plans for a) utilizing a Herb Albert grant, b) exterior building repairs (Exhibit A) and c) a future gate entrance to the Museum. Kevin Kelly made a motion to approve one-time expenses for building repairs as presented in Exhibit A (roughly $68,000, but not to exceed $80,000). Madlyn Bagneris seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Herb Albert grant - The Herb Alpert Foundation awarded the New Orleans Jazz Museum with a $100,000 matching grant to fund education center expansion. In addition to this gift, Herb Alpert donated his statue, *The Bass Player*. This statue is the first installation of the upcoming Sculpture Garden, in the riverside courtyard of our campus. Madlyn Bagneris moved to match the grant with equal funding from Irby. Melissa Steiner seconded the motion. Will Wilton made a motion to defer this item. There was not a second to that motion. The original motion was then taken to a vote and unanimously approved.

There was a discussion regarding the originally proposed glass entrance as outlined in the master plan for this museum. Greg Lambousy had recently asked for a review by local interests, and it was not supported by the preservationists. The board agreed with this stance and would like the museum to consider (and obtain) a different design. One suggestion was for small exterior ticketing kiosk(s).

VI. **Old Business** - The announcement was made that the next Irby and Board meeting will be May 11, 2020.

VII. **New Business** - There was no new business.

VIII. **Adjournment** - Anne Redd made a motion to adjourn and the committee adjourned at 12:07 pm.