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THROUGH: Joseph F. Marin
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FROM: Anthony Brown
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DATE: April 4, 2019

SUBJECT: Reactivation of Fire Station on Baton Rouge Community College Mid-City Campus

APPROVED
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LCTCS BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

FOR BOARD ACTION

Recommendation: Staff recommends that the Board authorize the President and the Chancellor of Baton Rouge Community College to execute all documents necessary for the reactivation to service of a fire station located on the Baton Rouge Community College Campus at the intersection of South Foster Drive and North Boulevard and to negotiate and execute a use agreement with the Brothers of the Sacred Heart. The reactivation for use by the college requires the approval of the Division of Administration, Office of Facility Planning and Control.

Background: During the June 2016 meeting of the LCTCS Board of Supervisors, the Board authorized the demolition of this fire station because the building was an eyesore and posed other risk exposure for the campus. At that time, funds were not available to bring the facility to code in order to occupy it for any useful purpose. The Brothers of the Sacred Heart (The Brothers), an international, non-profit Catholic religious organization, propose to renovate this facility and convert it into a coffee house/café.

As an outreach program, the Brothers of the Sacred Heart will establish a coffee house/café in an attempt to assist emancipated youth from foster care by providing life skills training, culinary skills, and basis interpersonal skills enhancement. This program coupled with another outreach program, the New Hope Learning Center program, will assist young people of all ages who have dropped out of school and want to earn their high school equivalency.

The Brothers will renovate the structure and will maintain the structure during their occupancy. All costs associated with the operation of this facility will be borne by the Brothers. The Board staff and Baton Rouge Community College staff will negotiate with the Brothers to execute a mutually beneficial agreement for use of the space.

Fiscal Impact: The Brothers of the Sacred Heart will pay all cost to renovate and operate the facility.

History of Prior Actions: The Board approved the demolition of this facility during the June 2016 meeting.

Benefits to the System: The renovation of this facility will transform an eyesore to a repurposed interactive space for the benefit of the community partners and the college.



Approved for Recommendation to the Board
Dr. Monty Sullivan, President

4-10-19

Date