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KENNER UNVEILS LOUISIANA HIGHWAY MARKER DURING MONDAY AFTERNOON CEREMONY

Kenner, LA. – Kenner will officially unveil a new historical marker that details the city’s history during a 3 p.m. press conference Monday at the site of the marker on Williams Boulevard outside the City Hall complex, 1801 Williams Blvd.

Dr. Mary Curry of the Jefferson Parish Historical Commission said Louisiana Highway Markers are one of the main responsibilities of the six-person commission.

“The Jefferson Parish Historical Commission tries to dream up something that will be appropriate for a marker and then we tell the officials involved – in this case Kenner – what we would like to do.” Curry said a lot of hard work goes into each highway marker.

“We have to research the verbiage and we have to have several legitimate sources of support – and then it has to be approved by the state of Louisiana.”

Kenner’s new marker explains Kenner’s colonial name was Cannes Brulees. That became Kennerville in 1855 when the area was subdivided. Kenner was first incorporated as a town in 1867 and as a city in 1873, although a reincorporation was required.

Curry said her group handles all of the details for the highway marker. The local government decides where to place the marker.

Kenner Mayor Michael Yenni said he chose a prominent location outside City Hall so that both pedestrians and motorists would have a chance to learn about the Minor brothers and the history of the city.

“I want to thank the Jefferson Parish Historical Commission,” Yenni said. “We are proud to have this marker that both explains the city’s beginnings and honors Kenner’s founders.”

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