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Audubon Commission

Enclosed are the minutes of the May 1, 2014 meeting of the Commission.

The next meeting will be held on July 24, 2014 at 12:00pm in the Gulf Conference Room at the Aquarium.

Celebrating the Wonders of Nature

Audubon Aquarium
of the Americas

Audubon Center for Research
of Endangered Species

Audubon Park

Audubon Zoo

Entergy
IMAX® Theatre

Audubon Louisiana
Nature Center

Audubon Insectarium

Freeport-McMoran Audubon
Species Survival Center

Woldenberg
Riverfront Park



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MOTIONS

May 1, 2014

1. Fuel Trac
2. Garbage Truck
3. LDWF

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May 5, 2014

A meeting of the Audubon Commission was called to order on Thursday, May 1, 2014 at 4:00 p.m. in the Gulf Conference Room at the Audubon Aquarium of the Americas by President Duncan. A quorum was present and acting throughout the meeting.

Attending were: Judy Bajoie, Linda Baum, Danny Conwill, Kelly Duncan, Bart Farris, Frances Fayard, Rashida Ferdinand, Ashley Francis, Deborah Harkins, Bruce Hoefer, Wil Jacobs, Beth Lambert, Olivia Manning, Peter Moss, Field Ogden, Pamela Ryan, Charles Teamer, Tom Watson and D. Brent Wood.

Excused were: Gayle Benson, Naaman Stewart, and Carol Wise.

Also attending: Henry Kinney, legal counsel.

The minutes of the January 30, 2014 meeting were unanimously accepted as distributed.

Finance Report Mr. Rivarde, EVP & Managing Director of Uptown Facilities, reviewed the March 2014 Operating Statement:

March Operating Budget (in thousands)

	<u>2014 Actual</u>	<u>2014 Budget</u>	<u>2013 Actual</u>
Aquarium/IMAX/Park	2,738	2,633	3,212
Zoo/Park	(860)	(553)	(252)
Insectarium	(107)	(302)	(167)
Research Center	<u>(118)</u>	<u>(146)</u>	<u>(176)</u>
Total Operations	\$1,653	\$1,632	\$2,617

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Mr. Rivarde reported that overall attendance is down from last year. Mr. Farris asked how much of that is due to weather and Mr. Rivarde reported that he believed it was mostly due to the cold winter. Mr. Rivarde further reported that staff was doing a great job of keeping salaries under budget.

Mr. Rivarde gave a brief update on construction projects at the Zoo. He stated that a new ropes course and zipline should be up and running in August and will be located behind Monkey Hill and next to a new contact yard. He reported that there are 14 new solar powered emergency phones now up and running in Audubon Park and that the lagoons, jogging trail and exercise equipment are all currently being maintained and upgraded. Mr. Conwill asked if anything was being done about lighting problems along Magazine Street and St. Charles. Mr. Rivarde reported that this is a city problem, but Audubon is staying on top of it. Mr. Forman, President and CEO also reported that Tom and Gayle Benson donated money to add lighting to the St. Charles side of the park and a design package is currently under way.

Staff Reports

President Duncan asked the guests in attendance to identify themselves: Jaime Parker, BGR, Rob McClendon, Times Picayune, Ray North, Friends of Joe Brown Park and Janet Hayes, New Orleans resident.

Mr. Forman, President and CEO spoke about the millage election. He reported that although it was a disappointing loss Audubon is looking at the feedback and determining next steps in moving forward. Mr. Watson stated that he would like to be kept more in the loop in proceeding. Ms. Harkins stated that she received many emails in opposition to the millage and would have liked to have something to respond to them. Mr. Kinney, legal counsel stated that there are legal limitations as to how the Commission members can participate in a political campaign. Mr. Forman thanked everyone for their comments and stated that Audubon will keep the Commission informed of all matters going forward related to the millage.

Mr. Kurtz, Sr. EVP & COS, reported on two motions that need Commission approval. First Audubon is changing fuel management companies to Fuel Trac.

Ms. Baum moved that

The President of the Audubon Commission or the President & CEO of Audubon Nature Institute is authorized to execute a contract with Fuel Trace for fuel management services.

Mr. Moss seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Mr. Kurtz further reported that a resolution was needed for a new garbage truck at the Zoo.

Dr. Teamer moved that

The President of the Audubon Commission or the President & CEO of Audubon Nature Institute is authorized to execute a lease or lease purchase with Sansom Equipment Company, the lowest qualified bidder for the new garbage truck with a cost estimate of approximately \$89,500.

Ms. Fayard seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Ms. Conkerton, EVP for Development reported that a resolution was needed for signature of a contract with the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to deliver services related to sustaining aquatic life. This includes activities related to developing seafood sustainability certification, outreach, and marine advancement plans.

Mrs. Bajoie moved that

The president of the Audubon Commission or the President & CEO of Audubon Nature Institute is authorized to execute a contract with the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries.

Ms. Fayard seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Linda G. Baum
Secretary