



## Audubon Nature Institute

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A meeting of the Audubon Nature Institute Board immediately followed the Annual Meeting on Wednesday, May 21<sup>st</sup> at 4:15 p.m. in the Presidents' Room at Audubon Zoo, Chairman Gottsegen presiding.

**Finance Report:** Mr. Rivarde, Executive VP and Managing Director/Uptown Facilities, reviewed the April Operating Statement.

### April Operating Budget (in thousands)

	<u>2014 Actual</u>	<u>2014 Budget</u>	<u>2013 Actual</u>
Aquarium/IMAX/Park	3,636	3,541	4,205
Zoo/Park	(462)	(157)	274
Insectarium	265	55	230
Research Center	<u>(176)</u>	<u>(201)</u>	<u>(201)</u>
Total Operations	\$3,263	\$3,238	\$4,508

Mr. Rivarde reported that revenue is down slightly but the good news is expenses are down and salaries are under budget. He further reported that attendance has lagged behind all year because of a rough winter but it is now slowly catching up to only 2% below last year.

**Staff Reports:** Mrs. Conkerton, EVP/Development, reported that Zoo-to-Do had a record breaking year and raised approximately \$1.2 million dollars. She further reported that Catharine Freeman has been chosen as Queen for Zoo-to-Do 2015. Mrs. Conkerton reported that Scales and Ales fundraiser is set for September 12<sup>th</sup> at the Aquarium. She further reported that Zoobilation, a members only event, will be held on June 4<sup>th</sup> and that the Taylor Audubon Free Day will be May 31<sup>st</sup>.

Mr. Rivarde gave a quick update on construction projects at the Zoo. He reported that Sea Lion pool renovations were underway, Cool Zoo Phase II will be open in summer of 2015, and that the jogging trail and exercise equipment in the park will

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soon be getting upgraded. He further reported that details are being finalized for a ropes course in the Zoo.

Mr. Forman, President & CEO, introduced Rich Toth the new Acting Managing Director/Downtown Facilities. Mr. Toth gave a brief update on construction projects at the Aquarium reporting that the new Maya Dive Experience should be open in July, the Amazon gallery is getting updates and that Waldenberg Park restorations are nearing completion.

Mr. Joel Hamilton, VP and General Curator gave an update on new animal arrivals at Zoo and passed around pictures for everyone's viewing.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:05 a.m.

Katharine B. Werner  
Recording Secretary

In attendance: Bardell, Charpentier, Feoli, Goldring, Gottsegen, Jaeger, Le Clerq, Marshall, Pannu, Quinn, Rowan, Smith, Werner

Excused: Adams, Colhoun, Fine, French, Heebe, A. Hooper, D. Hooper, Kupperman, Markham, Palumbo, Payne, Perry, Rice, Romig, Sloss, Tiller, Westfeldt

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