

RESOLUTION NUMBER 200

WHEREAS, the Missouri History Museum has been a part of the St. Louis community since 1866, and joined the Metropolitan Zoological Park and Museum District (ZMD) in 1988; and

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Zoological Park and Museum District's annual tax revenue has increased from \$3.9 million dollars in 1972 to more than \$73 million dollars in 2011 and approximately 15% of that revenue is provided by St. Louis City residents; and

WHEREAS, according to the 2011 IRS Form 990 the vast majority of the Missouri History Museum's expenses are paid out of taxpayer funds received from the Metropolitan Zoological Park and Museum District; and

WHEREAS, the salary, compensation, earnings and benefits of the executive directors of the Metropolitan Zoological Park and Museum District were the subject previously reviewed by the Parks and Environmental Matters Committee under the authority of Resolution #63 which was passed on May 7, 2010 ; and

WHEREAS, most recently the chairman of the Parks and Environmental Matters Committee has received a written request of the Chairman of the Audit Committee of the Metropolitan Zoological Park and Museum District to assist in the investigation of various aspects of governance of the Missouri History Museum, and the president of the Missouri History Museum's compensation and management policies that have embroiled that organization in controversy; and

WHEREAS, the St Louis Board of Aldermen should work to assure that its taxpaying public have confidence that their taxes are wisely spent.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen for the City of St. Louis that we direct the Parks and Environmental Matters Committee of this board to convene hearings for the purpose of examining the structure and organization of the Missouri History Museum, executive compensation, and all other related matters and we further direct the committee to include in such discussion Mr. Ray Stranghoener, chairman, and Dr. Robert R. Archibald, President of the Missouri History Museum and all other parties and documents deemed appropriate and necessary by the Parks and Environmental Matters Committee to conduct a fair and thorough investigation..

Introduced on the 14th day of December, 2012 by:

Honorable Joseph Roddy, Alderman 17th Ward

Adopted this the 14th day of December, 2012 as attested by:

David W. Sweeney
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen