



**THE LIBRARY COMMISSION  
MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING  
26, April, 2010**

**The Library Commission convened in a regular meeting on Monday, April 26, 2010 at the Terrazas Branch at 1105 E. Cesar Chavez in Austin, Texas.**

**Chair Carol Martin called the Board Meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.**

**Board Members in Attendance:** Chair Carol Martin, Vice Chair Carolyn Goldston, Gretchen Hoffman, David Kobierowski, Ben Ornelas and Wendy Price Todd

**Board Members Absent:** Gloria Meraz

**Staff in Attendance:** Toni Lambert, Assistant Director of Libraries, Eyna Canales-Zarate, Assistant Director of Libraries, John Gillum, Facilities Programming Manager, Toni Grasso, Administrative Manager

**1. Citizen Communication:** none

**2. Approval of Minutes**

The minutes from the meeting of 03/22/2010 were approved on Commission Member Goldston's motion a 6-0 vote.

**3. Unfinished Business**

**a. Austin Public Library Policy for Filtering Public Computers**

Assistant Director Toni Lambert explained the Library's policy of having one unfiltered computer per branch and that extensive public input was used to develop the policy

**b. Austin Public Library Policy change on hold limits from 10 to 5**

Assistant Director Toni Lambert explained the resource issue that was the driving force behind the policy change. Commissioner Goldston asked that the policy be reevaluated and number of holds allowed be increased incrementally as positions are restored.

**4. New Business**

**a. Introduction of Adam Kruger, President of the Austin Public Library Friends Foundation, Tim Staley, Executive Director, APLFF. Briefing on organization activities.**

**b. Discuss ideas to meet the Commission's needs for information (possibly by subcommittees or some other avenue)**

**Motion to move agenda item 5b to next month's agenda was approved on Commission Member Price Todd's motion and Commission Member Hoffman's second on a 6-0 vote.**

**c. Discuss proposal to reinstate the August monthly meeting, bringing the Library Commission schedule to eleven regular meetings per year**

**Motion to have eleven scheduled meetings per year was approved on Commission Member Price Todd's motion with the following friendly amendment by Commission Member Goldston, seconded by Commission Member Hoffman on a 6-0 vote. The friendly amendment from Commission Member Goldston was that the 2010 August meeting be called a Special Called Meeting with a proposed August 30 date. Beginning in 2011 the August meeting will be a regular meeting. This was accepted by the maker of the motion Commission Member Price Todd and Commission Member Hoffman, who seconded the motion.**

- d. Discuss possible dates for Special Called Meeting in May to discuss the Library Commission's priorities for Austin Public Library 2010-2011 Budget  
A date of Monday, May 10, 2010 from 11:30-1:30 at the Austin History Center was set for the Special Called meeting. A letter will be drafted from the Commission to the City Manager's Office listing the priorities in the budget that the Library Commission wants to protect.  
Commission Member Price Todd asked for the Library's Organization chart with all the vacancies listed.
- e. Staff Briefings
  - 1) Introduction of Toni Grasso, new Administrative Manager, in the Office of Programs and Partnerships.
  - 2) The budget is being put together. There will be no new programs at this time. The Five Year Forecast include cost drivers and funding needed to maintain the current service levels.
  - 3) The finale of the Mayor's Book Club is Friday, April 30, 2010.
  - 4) The Library's Employee Appreciation Event is Friday, May 14, 2010; the Commission is invited to attend.
  - 5) An art project adjacent to the site of the new Central Library is being designed. A selection panel will determine the project.
  - 6) Twin Oaks closes at the end of May, it's been in the current lease space since 1956. It will reopen in its new location in August. Howson branch opened April 10, 2010, to much acclaim.

## 5. Future Agenda Items:

- a. **MOTION to discuss meeting with support groups was approved on Commission Member Price Todd's motion and Commission Member Hoffman's second on a 6-0 vote.**

**Adjourn:** Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:00 p.m. without objection.