



**THE LIBRARY COMMISSION
MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING
24, May, 2010**

The Library Commission convened in a regular meeting on Monday, May 24, 2010 at the Twin Oaks Branch at 2301 S. Congress #7 in Austin, Texas.

Chair Carol Martin called the Board Meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Board Members in Attendance: Chair Carol Martin, Vice Chair Carolyn Goldston, Gretchen Hoffmann, David Kobierowski, Gloria Meraz and Wendy Price Todd

Board Members Absent: Ben Ornelas

Staff in Attendance: Brenda Branch, Director of Libraries, 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:

- a. Leora Rockowitz- formerly of BookSpring, a non-profit created from the merger of Reading is Fundamental of Austin and Capital Area Reach Out and Read. Spoke about her admiration and support of the Austin Public Library

2. Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the meeting of the 4/26/2010 Regular Meeting and the 5/10/2010 Special Called Meeting were approved on Commission Member Goldston's motion and Commission Member Hoffmann's second on a 6-0 vote.

3. Unfinished Business

- a. Discuss ideas to meet the Commission's needs for information (possibly by subcommittees or some other avenue) – **No action taken at this time**

4. New Business

- a. Discuss scheduling October 25, 2010 as date for reception for Board members of Austin Public Library Friends Foundation and Austin History Center Association
Motion to have a regularly scheduled reception in place of the October's meeting for Board Members of Austin Public Library Friends Foundation and Austin History Center Association was approved on Commission Member Hoffmann's motion and Commission Member Goldston's second on a 6-0 vote.
- b. Discussion of progress of Building Program for the New Central Library and scheduling for future presentation to the Commission – **No action taken at this time.** The building program is still in design phase.
- c. Discuss proposal to designate the Austin History Center as the standing location for Library Commission Meetings – **No action taken at this time.** Staff will check into the availability of City Hall and creating a banner and signs to advertise the meeting if it is to happen at the Austin History Center

- d. Discuss opportunities for Commission outreach and support to organizations in the community that are interested in being advocates for the Library, including sharing Commission resolutions and Commission priorities regarding the library budget. – David will prepare a draft resolution for the Commission to review and pass at a Special Called Meeting.

Motion to have a Special Called Meeting on Tuesday, June 15, 2010 12 p.m.-1 p.m. at the Austin History Center was approved on Commission Member Kobierowski's motion and Commission Member Price Todd's motion on a 6-0 vote.

- e. Staff Briefings

- 1) Brenda Branch, Director, thanked the Commissioners who attended the Library's Employee Appreciation Event
- 2) Facilities Services Update – The art project adjacent to the site of the new Central Library will be awarded to the artist and engineer team in June. The art work will be part of the infrastructure of the facility. Twin Oak is on schedule for it's opening in August. The Cepeda Music Garden project is on hold due to lack of funding. The security camera contractor has been issued a cure notice for not fulfilling the obligations of the contract. The Zaragoza Warehouse Fire Suppression Sprinkler System Upgrade is on hold due to lack of funding. The Austin History Center Wheelchair Lift Retrofit construction documents are 95% complete
- 3) There will be a Fontaine Churches Pre-Juneteenth Celebration at the George Washington Carver Museum and Cultural Center on June 18.
- 4) Staff is working on a two week turn around on possible budget cuts or looking to move funding from underutilized programs to underfunded programs
- 5) Brenda Branch, Director, discussed the naming process for facilities, especially the community involvement that went into keeping the name for the Twin Oaks Branch after its relocation.

5. Future Agenda Items

- a. Discussion of the Commission's role in the City's *Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan*

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