



**THE LIBRARY COMMISSION
MINUTES**

**SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
30, August, 2010**

The Library Commission convened in a special called meeting on Monday, August 30, 2010 at the Austin History Center at 810 Guadalupe St. in Austin, Texas.

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

Board Members in Attendance: Chair Carol Martin, Gretchen Hoffmann, David Kobierowski, Gloria Meraz, Wendy Price Todd and Ben Ornelas

Board Members Absent: Carolyn Goldston

Staff in Attendance: Brenda Branch, Director of Libraries, Toni Lambert, Assistant Director of Libraries, Martin Aleman, Acting Assistant Director of Libraries, Toni Grasso, Administrative Manager, and Mark Walters, Principal Planner, Planning & Development Review Department

1. Citizen Communication:

- a. Sharon Lawrence spoke about putting a face to the cutting of APL's hours and services. She also spoke regarding her report "Strategies for Public Libraries." She is not in favor of the new Central Library but would like to see more branch libraries.
- b. Scott Johnson spoke on two issues: the possibility of an overlapping service in the new Central Library for a part-time case worker to deal with computer addiction and the use of green, environmentally friendly cleaning supplies.

2. Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the Regular Meeting of the 7/26/2010 were approved on Commission Member Ornelas motion and Commission Member Kobierowski's second on a 6-0 vote.

- 3. Presentation: Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan:** Mark Walters, Principal Planner with Planning & Development Review Department presented information regarding the City's ongoing development of the Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan. The Plan looks at three themes: community engagement, sustainability and implementation. The Library Commission can help by choosing a liaison to participate with the technical group and provide input.

4. Unfinished Business

- a. Discussion of the Commission's role in the City's *Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan*
Motion that the Library Commission select Commission Member Hoffmann and Commission Member Price Todd to serve as liaisons to the technical group of the Comprehensive Plan was approved on Commission Member Hoffmann's motion and Commission Member Meraz's second on a 6-0 vote.

- b. Discuss ideas to meet the Commission's needs for information (possibly by subcommittees or some other avenue) Motion to have an Information Subcommittee meet the 2nd Monday of the month during lunch was made by Commission Member Price Todd and seconded by Commission Member Kobierowski's was withdrawn by Commission Member Price Todd after discussion. Commission Member Price Todd will draft a subcommittee proposal for review and discussion at the next meeting.
- c. 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**
- d. Discussion on Social Media for Boards and Commissions– **No action taken at this time.**

5. New Business

- a. Approve revised bylaws as directed by City Council in action taken on July 29, 2010, concerning officer terms
Motion to approve the revised bylaws was passed on Commission Member Hoffmann's motion and Commission Member Ornelas' second on 6-0 vote.
- b. Election of Commission Officers
Elections for Chair- Commission Member Price Todd nominated Chair Martin for Chair and she accepted; there were no other nominations. The Library Commission voted 6-0 to elect Carol Martin Chair.
Elections for Vice Chair - Commission Member Kobierowski nominated Commission Member Price Todd and she accepted, Commission Member Ornelas nominated Commission Member Meraz and she accepted. The Library Commission voted 4-2 to elect Commission Member Price Todd Vice Chair
- c. Staff Briefings
 - 1) The Twin Oaks Branch fabulous grand opening was attended by the Mayor and Council Member Morrison as well as a large gathering of citizens.
 - 2) Facilities Services Update –The Cepeda Music Garden project is on hold due to lack of funding. The security camera contractor has requested an extension. The Zaragoza Warehouse Fire Suppression Sprinkler System Upgrade is on hold due to lack of funding. The Austin History Center Wheelchair Lift Retrofit RFP will go out September 13. Roof repairs at the Carver Branch will not cause the branch to close. The Austin History Center sewer line will undergo a retrofit. The Southeast Branch is in need of cosmetic repairs. APL is moving forward with its Climate Protection Plan
 - 3) The proposed budget was presented on August 25. The three Public Readings are scheduled for September 13-15, but all three readings may be held on one day.

6. Future Agenda Items

- a. Staff Briefings
- b. The October 25 Reception

Adjourn: Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:05 p.m. without objection.