



**THE LIBRARY COMMISSION
MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING
28, March, 2011**

The Library Commission convened in a regular Meeting on Monday, March 28, 2011 at the Austin History Center at 810 Guadalupe St. in Austin, Texas.

Chair Carol Martin called the Board Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Board Members in Attendance: Chair Carol Martin, Vice Chair Wendy Price Todd, Dave Fox, Carolyn Goldston, David Kobierowski, Gloria Meraz and Ben Ornelas

Board Members Absent: None

Staff in Attendance: Brenda Branch, Director of Libraries; Toni Lambert, Assistant Director of Libraries; John Gillum, Facilities Planning Manager; Toni Grasso, Administrative Manager

1. Citizen Communication

- a. Caitlin Perrone spoke on behalf of the three University of Texas Journalism students attending the meeting. They were on assignment to cover and write about attending a public meeting.
- b. Sandra Crenshaw spoke to the Commission regarding her permanent eviction from two locations and the way that staff treated her at APL.

2. Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the Regular Called Meeting of 2/28/2011 were approved on Commission Member Goldston's motion and Commission Member Kobierowski's second on a 4-0-3 vote. Those members voting aye were: Chair Martin, Vice Chair Price Todd and Commission Members Goldston, and Ornelas

Abstained – Commission Member Fox, Kobierowski and Meraz abstained because they were not in attendance at the February 28, 2011 meeting.

3. Unfinished Business:

- a. Discussion and Action on the Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan
Vice Chair Price Todd reported on the kick off meeting she attended for the Comprehensive Plan. She felt that the plan was more about preferred growth. Also, the long term goals of APL are not presented and need to be included in the plan.
Motion: that the Library Commission's liaisons to the Comprehensive Plan draft a letter to the Planning Commission stating the 2003 APL Facilities Master Plan should be integrated into the Image Austin Comprehensive Plan with a copy sent to City Council and the City Manager. APPROVED on Commission Member Meraz's motion and Commission Member Ornelas' second on a 7-0-0 vote.

Those members voting aye were: Chair Martin, Vice Chair Price Todd and Commission Members Fox, Goldston, Kobierowski, Meraz and Ornelas

Letter attached

- b. Discussion and action on APL's CIP Budget
John Gillum will get the meeting times for the Commissioners to attend the CIP planning meetings. The Commissioners will coordinate a schedule of attendance for the meetings.

4. New Business

- a. Discussion and action on Commission hearing for APL budget presentation on May 23. At the May 23, APL staff will present the budget. The public is encouraged to attend.
- b. Branch Liaison Briefings
Vice Chair Price Todd visited both the Twin Oaks Branch (ATO) and Terrazas Branch (ATB) at the same time of day within the last month. ATB was extremely quiet compared to ATO which is always busy. ATO has a lot of activity with the families and children using the computers and other patrons using other parts of the library for work. ATBs collection is impression for a branch that size.
Commission Member Kobierowski announced his resignation from the Commission, this was his last meeting. His replacement Peggy Pleasant was in attendance.
- c. Staff Briefings –
 - 1) **Facilities Update:** from Director's Report
 - 2) Recycled Reads celebrated its 2nd birthday in February. Books Beyond Borders, the organization that worked with APL on the recycling of materials went out of business. Recycled Reads is now working with Better World Books, who only takes books. The process to pack the materials is more labor intensive and talks have begun with Solid Waste Services about the additional materials that can no longer be recycled.
 - 3) Update of upcoming April calendar of events
 - 4) APL's Employee Appreciation Luncheon will be April 7

5. Future Agenda Items: None

Adjourn: Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:53 p.m. without objection.

Attachment

April 4, 2010

Building Block Working Group Lead Planners
Planning and Development Review Department
Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan
City of Austin

Dear Colleagues,

The Austin Public Library Commission was among the first City of Austin Boards and Commissions to receive a briefing on the Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan process in Fall 2010. Thank you for the privilege of joining the team.

We were assigned to Building Block 5/Public Buildings and Services and attended the brainstorming session conducted on Saturday, March 26, 2011. The Library Commission believes that the green, healthy and sustainable strategic directions upon which we were asked to consider, with the exception of transportation concerns, are already addressed in Library's Strategic Plan. Our mission regarding the establishment, operation and maintenance of public libraries is also relevant to the other Building Block Working Groups.

To this end, Austin Public Library Commission strongly urges the Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan to incorporate the strategic planning directions already put forth from Austin Public Library into the comments of all other working groups.

The Library's plans include these objectives:

- Design, construct and open a New Central Library
- Retrofit Faulk Library as an expansion for the Austin History Center
- Build 4 regional Resource Branches

A more detailed explanation is contained in the Austin Public Library Facilities Master Plan and Strategic Plan, which has been provided to the consultants and can be located online <http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/library/information.htm>.

Thank you for your consideration. We are looking forward to supporting an Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan that can be cooperatively accomplished.

Sincerely,

Wendy Price Todd
Dave Fox

Library Commission Liaisons

Cc Toni Grasso