



**THE LIBRARY COMMISSION
MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING
25, April, 2011**

The Library Commission convened in a regular Meeting on Monday, April 25, 2011 at the Austin History Center at 810 Guadalupe St. in Austin, Texas.

Chair Carol Martin called the Board Meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Board Members in Attendance: Chair Carol Martin, Vice Chair Wendy Price Todd, Dave Fox and Peggy Lee Pleasant

Board Members Absent: Carolyn Goldston, Gloria Meraz and Ben Ornelas

Staff in Attendance: Brenda Branch, Director of Libraries; Toni Lambert, Assistant Director of Libraries; Dana McBee, Assistant Director of Libraries; John Gillum, Facilities Planning Manager; Tom Moran, Regional Branch Operations Manager; Toni Grasso, Administrative Manager

1. Citizen Communication: None

2. Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the Regular Called Meeting of 3/28/2011 was delayed until the regular May meeting when there should be at least 4 Commissioners who were in attendance at the March meeting.

Abstained – Commission Member Pleasant abstained because she was not in attendance at the March 28, 2011 meeting.

3. Introduction of New Commissioner

New Commission Member Peggy Lee Pleasant introduced herself. She has worked for Austin Energy for 11 years. She has volunteered with libraries in the past including APL.

4. Presentation: History and Purpose of CTLS (Central Texas Library System)

Tom Moran, Regional Branch Operations Manager, presented information regarding CTLS and its history. CTLS was founded in 1969 to bring library services to rural areas but serves all public libraries in Central Texas. There are no dues for CTLS.

5. Unfinished Business

- a. Discussion and Action on APL's CIP Budget
Vice Chair Price Todd stated she would attend the May 3, 2011 Planning Commission CIP Committee meeting. She also suggested that Commission Members contact their City Council Member to discuss APL's CIP budget requests.
- b. Discussion and action on the Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan

Commission Members Fox and Ornelas attended the working group meeting for Land Use and Transportation. The meeting consolidated ideas from the first meeting. The next round of meetings is postponed due to the volume of work that came out of the working groups. Commission Member Fox will attend the May 19, City Facilities and Services meeting. Commission Member Pleasant will attend the May 16, Land Use and Transportation meeting. Culture, Economy, Housing and Neighborhoods, Society and Conservation and Environmental Resources still need representation.

6. New Business

a. Branch Liaison Briefings and assignments

No briefings at this time. Chair Martin discussed updating the Branch Liaison assignments. She asked the Commission Members to look over the list of vacant branches.

b. Staff Briefings –

- 1) APL's Employee Appreciation Luncheon was April 7.
- 2) The Texas Library Association Conference was a huge success. Over 7,500 librarians attended. Special kudos to Toni Lambert as the Co-Chair of the Local Arrangements Committee. Also APL won several awards including Project of the Year for YomiCon.
- 3) APL's new READ poster features the Austin Public Safety Leaders—Police Chief Art Acevedo, Fire Chief Rhoda Mae Kerr and EMS Director Ernie Rodriguez.
- 4) The City Manager's Budget Presentation to City Council is scheduled for Wednesday, July 27.
- 5) Starting on April 1st a new policy went into effect. Customers may now renew materials that are eligible for a renewal twice instead of only once.
- 6) Starting on June 1st a new policy will go into effect. APL can no longer waive fees or fines. APL will be working through the budget process to attempt to change the fee ordinance to allow for certain exceptions.
- 7) **Facilities Update:** from Director's Report
- 8) Update of upcoming May calendar of events

7. Future Agenda Items: None

Adjourn: Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:55 p.m. without objection.