



**THE LIBRARY COMMISSION
MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING
26, November, 2012**

The Library Commission convened in a Regular Meeting on Monday, November 26, 2012 at the Austin History Center, 810 Guadalupe St. in Austin, Texas

Chair Peggy Pleasant called the Board Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Board Members in Attendance: Chair Peggy Pleasant, Vice Chair Olga Wise, Patricia Dabbert, Ben Ornelas, Wendy Price Todd and Lynne Wiggins

Board Members Absent: Sharon Kahn

Staff in Attendance: Brenda Branch, Director of Libraries; Toni Lambert, Assistant Director of Libraries; and Toni Grasso, Administrative Manager

1. Citizen Communication

Scott Johnson spoke to the Commission regarding the utility bill check-off on the Austin Energy electric bill. The proposal to change the fund to the Parks and Library fund is moving forward. Currently the fund supports public tree planting by the Parks and Recreation Department only.

- 2. Approval of Minutes from October 22, 2012 Regular Meeting Motion to approve the minutes as amended by Commission Member Dabbert and second by Commission Member Price Todd passed on a 5-0-1 vote. The amendments were to 6., b., 1,**
Those members voting aye were: Chair Pleasant, Vice Chair Wise and Commission Members Dabbert, Price Todd and Wiggins.

Other: Commissioner Member Kahn was absent

Abstained: Commissioner Member Ornelas abstained due to not being in attendance at the last meeting.

3. Presentation: Allocating Computers to Users and Changing Population of the Library User

Toni Lambert, Assistant Director for Public Services, spoke regarding the many variables that are considered when public computers are allocated. Also with rapidly growing and increasingly diverse population of Austin, APL must offer a variety of traditional, virtual and evolving library services to meet customer needs and expectations.

(See Backup)

4. New Business

- a. 2013 Meeting Schedule

Motion by Commission Member Dabbert and Commission Member Ornelas' second to move the November meeting scheduled for November 25, the week of Thanksgiving to November 18 and approve the 2013 Calendar with the change was passed on a 6-0-0 vote

Those members voting aye were: Chair Pleasant, Vice Chair Wise and Commission Members Dabbert, Ornelas, Price Todd and Wiggins.

Other: Commissioner Member Kahn was absent

Motion by Vice Chair Wise and Commission Member Dabbert's second to cancel the December 10, 2012 meeting was passed on a 5-0-1 vote

Those members voting aye were: Chair Pleasant, Vice Chair Wise and Commission Members Dabbert, Ornelas and Wiggins.

Abstained: Commissioner Member Price Todd abstained

Other: Commissioner Member Kahn was absent

b. Commission Goals

Chair Pleasant lead a discussion on setting goals for 2013 that will be voted on at the January 2013 meeting. Six goals were discussed:

- 1) Periodic meetings/ contact with City Council.
- 2) Attendance at formal Commissioner "meet and greet" events at assigned branches.
- 3) Attendance at neighborhood association meetings at assigned branches.
- 4) Build relationship with Library Foundation (primary responsibility of Library Chair).
- 5) Group attendance at Library special events.
- 6) Standardize branch liaison visits.

c. Branch Liaison Briefings

- 1) Vice Chair Wise met with North Village managing Librarian, Sharon Herfurth.
- 2) The October event, Experience Brazil, was well attended. She related that staffing properly is the hardest to deal with.
- 3) Commission Member Dabbert visited Recycled Reads and did some Christmas shopping while there.
- 4) Commission Member Ornelas will conduct his visits in December, February and June.

d. Staff Briefings

- 1) All of APL's holiday programs can be found at <http://library.austintexas.gov/press-release/celebrate-holidays-apl>
- 2) Facilities Update: see Director's Report
 - a) The AHC waste water line construction was completed sooner than anticipated.

7. Future Agenda Items

- a. Presentation on volunteering with APL.
- b. Invite Tim Staley from APLFF to discuss the Foundations roles in relation to APL.

Adjourn: Chair adjourned the meeting at 7:40 p.m. without objection.