



**THE LIBRARY COMMISSION
MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING
28, May, 2013**

The Library Commission convened in a Regular Meeting on Monday, May 28,, 2013 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, and Lynne Wiggins

Board Members Absent: Sharon Kahn and Wendy Price Todd

Staff in Attendance: Brenda Branch, Director of Libraries; Toni Lambert, Assistant Director of Libraries; Victoria Rieger, Financial Manager; Ben Ellinor, COA Budget Analyst; Heath Rezabek, Teen Services Coordinator and Toni Grasso, Administrative Manager.

1. Citizen Communication: None

2. Approval of Minutes from April 22 2013 Regular Meeting

Motion to approve the minutes as written by Vice Chair Wise and second by Commission Member Dabbert passed on a 5-0-0 vote.

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

Absent: Commission Members Kahn and Price Todd were absent

3. Presentation: YomiCon and the Discovery Lab

Heath Rezabek, Teen Services Coordinator informed the Commission that this will be the 5th YomiCon and also the last. The event has exceeded all the goals set by staff including an attendance of over 1000 participants last year. The Youth Services team will now concentrate on smaller events all year long. The Discovery Lab at the Willie Mae Kirk branch has been funded for another year by the Austin Public Library Friends Foundation (APLFF) through a Dell Powering the Possible Youth Connect grant

4. Discussion: Austin Public Library 2013-2014 Proposed Budget

Victoria Rieger, Financial Manager answered questions regarding APL's proposed budget including the 4 unmet needs

- 1) 13 FTEs for essential personnel
- 2) 2 FTEs for security
- 3) 1 FTE for contract compliance
- 4) 12 salary reclassifications

Motion by Commission Member Wiggins and Commission Member Dabbert's second to compose a letter to the City Manager and City Council supporting APL's proposed budget was passed on a 5-0-0 vote.

The motion was approved with the following friendly amendment by Commission Member Wiggins to also write a resolution in support of the proposed budget and was passed on a 5-0-0 vote.

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

Absent: Commission Members Kahn and Price Todd were absent

(See Recommendation Number: 20130528004 and Library Budget Letter FY 2014_20130528004)

5. Old Business: None

6. New Business

a. Branch Liaison Briefings

- 1) Commission Member Wiggins visited Howson and met with staff.
- 2) Chair Pleasant attended a lunch time talk for the Mayor's Book Club at the AT&T Center on April 30

7. Staff Briefings

- 1) The next tour of the north branches is scheduled for June 13, 2013 from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.
- 2) Facilities Update: see Director's Report
 - a) The groundbreaking for the New Central Library is Thursday, May 30.
- 3) Upcoming Highlights
 - a) The Adult Summer Reading Program begins June 1st. The Austin Public Library Friends Foundation donated this year's prizes.
 - b) The Virtual Library webpage which includes all virtual media is now up
 - c) The opening reception for the Austin History Center's new exhibit ***How to Prepare a Possum: 19th Century Cuisine in Austin*** is Saturday, June 1 from 4 - 6 PM. There will also be a family social at Scholz Garten on Wednesday, July 30.

8. Announcements: None

9. Future Agenda Items

- a. Discussion on drafting a Library Commission Media Policy

Adjourn: Chair adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m. without objection.