



**THE LIBRARY COMMISSION
MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING
28, October, 2013**

The Library Commission convened in a Regular Meeting on Monday, October 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, Sharon Kahn, Ben Ornelas and Lynne Wiggins

Board Members Absent: Wendy Price Todd

Staff in Attendance: Brenda Branch, Director of Libraries; Toni Lambert, Assistant Director of Libraries John Gillum, Facilities Process Manager; Sharon Herfurth, Library Division Manager and Toni Grasso, Administrative Manager.

1. Citizen Communication: None

2. Approval of Minutes from September 22, 2013 Regular Meeting

Motion to approve the minutes as amended by Commission Member Ornelas and second by Commission Member Wiggins passed on a 6-0-0 vote. The amendments were: page 2, New Business b, 2) Remove “her salary to the library” and 5) change Night to Bash

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

Absent: Commission Member Price Todd was absent

3. Introduction of Sharon Herfurth, Library Division Manager

Sharon has been selected to head the new Office of Programs and Partnerships Division that will encompass Marketing, Grants, Outreach and Recycled Reads.

4. Old Business

- a. Update on changing bylaws to allow for meetings every month or quarterly. The City Clerk did not allow the bylaws to be changed. The recommendation was to set the yearly schedule in November and decide in advance what months to cancel meetings.

5. New Business

- a. Officer Elections

Elections for Chair- Commission Member Dabbert nominated Vice Chair Wise for Chair and second by Commission Member Kahn, she accepted. Having no other nominations, Olga Wise was elected Chair in a 6-0-0 vote.

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

Other: Commission Member Price Todd was absent

Elections for Vice Chair - Commission Member Ornelas nominated Commission Member Dabbert for Vice Chair and second by Commission Member Wiggins, she accepted. Having no other nominations, Patricia Dabbert was elected Vice Chair in a 6-0-0 vote

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

Other: Commission Member Price Todd was absent

- b. Branch Liaison Briefings
 - 1) Vice Chair Wise attended the JA Jance reading at North Village. She also met with DJ Harris at Windsor and attended a meeting of the Immigrant Services Network with branch manager Paola Ferate-Soto.
 - 2) Commission Member Kahn visited Old Quarry and spoke with staff about their new AV equipment and concerning issues on the carpeting behind the desk.
 - 3) Commission Member Wiggins attended the Teen Book Festival and the Banned Book Festival.
- 6. **Staff Briefings**
 - a. Facilities Update: see Director's Report
 - b. The RFP for the Café for NCL should be going out soon.
 - c. Rebate Austin! which brings together all the City of Austin departments that offer rebates takes place at North Village on November 9 and Manchaca on November 18.
- 7. **Announcements:** Chair Pleasant announced her resignation from the Commission effective the end of the meeting.
- 8. **Future Agenda Items:** The Commission will vote on its upcoming meeting schedule at the November meeting.

Adjourn: Chair adjourned the meeting at 7:31 p.m. without objection.