



**THE LIBRARY COMMISSION
MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING
24, March, 2014**

The Library Commission convened in a Regular Meeting on Monday, March 24, 2014 at the Austin History Center, 810 Guadalupe St. in Austin, Texas.

Chair Olga Wise called the Board Meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.

Commission Members in Attendance: Chair Olga Wise, Vice Chair Patricia Dabbert, Commission Members Sharon Kahn, Wendy Price Todd, Michelle Rosenblatt, and Lynn Wiggins

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

1. Citizen Communication: None

2. Approval of Minutes from February 24, 2014 Regular Meeting

The minutes from the meeting of February 24, 2014 were approved on Commission Member Kahn's motion, Vice Chair Dabbert's second on a 5-0 vote. Commission Member Ornelas absent. Commission Member Rosenblatt abstained because this was her first meeting as a Library Commission Member. Commission Member Price Todd abstained because she was absent at the February 24, 2014 meeting.

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

3. Presentation: Relationship between Austin Public Library and Austin Public Library Friends Foundation

Brenda Branch, Director of Libraries, provided the history of the Austin Public Library Friends Foundation; described how it supports the Library and explained APLFF's fundraising objectives for the New Central Library.

4. Old Business: None

5. New Business

a. Cancellation of the May 27, 2014 Regular Meeting

Cancellation of the May 27, 2014 Regular Meeting was approved on Vice Chair Dabbert's motion, Commission Member Wiggins' second on a 6-0 vote. Commission Member Ornelas absent.

b. Library Commission Recommendation re: City Budget Surplus

Chair Olga Wise presented a draft of a letter recommending that branch library hours be restored. Commissioner Price Todd urged that the recommendation be approved and submitted before the April 2014 regular meeting.

Library Commission Recommendation 20140324-5b was approved on Commission Member Price Todd's motion, Commission Member Wiggins' second on a 6-0 vote. Commission Member Ornelas absent.

- c. Update on new Virtual Library Card
Toni Lambert reported that the Library is creating a Virtual Library Card that will allow checkout of materials exclusively from APL's Virtual Library. The card will initially be issued to Austin Independent School District students.
- d. Employee Appreciation Award Nominations
Nominations for the 2014 Employee Appreciation Awards were distributed to Commission members. Award recipients will be determined at the April 2014 regular meeting. The Awards Luncheon is scheduled for Friday, May 30, from 11 AM until 1 PM at the Palmer Events Center.
- e. Branch Liaison Briefings
 - 1) Chair Olga Wise, Vice Chair Pat Dabbert, and Commission Members Kahn and Wiggins attended Recycled Reads 5th Anniversary programs.
 - 2) Chair Olga Wise went to visit Harvard's LABRARY at SXSW Interactive, but it had closed early.

6. Staff Briefings

- a. Facilities Update: See Director's Report

7. Announcements

- a. National Library Week is April 13-19, 2014.
- b. The Texas Library Association annual Conference will be held in San Antonio, April 8-11, 2014. Austin Public Library will have a booth to market the Library and reach potential job applicants.

8. Future Agenda Items:

- a. Presentation by Library Volunteer Coordinator
- b. Choosing recipients for Austin Public Library Employee Appreciation Awards

Adjourn: Chair Wise adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m. without objection.