THE LIBRARY COMMISSION **REGULAR MEETING**
MINUTES **28, April, 2014**

The Library Commission convened in a Regular Meeting on Monday, April 28, 2014 at the Austin History Center, 810 Guadalupe St. in Austin, Texas.

Chair Olga Wise called the Board Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Commission Members in Attendance: Chair Olga Wise, Vice Chair Patricia Dabbert, Commission Members Sharon Kahn, Ben Ornelas, Wendy Price Todd, and Michelle Rosenblatt
Commission Members Absent: Commission Member Lynne 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 March 24, 2014 Regular Meeting**
   The minutes from the meeting of March 24, 2014 were approved on Commission Member Ornelas' motion, Commission Kahn's second on a 6-0 vote. Commission Member Wiggins absent.
   Those members voting aye were: Chair Wise, Vice Chair Dabbert and Commission Members Kahn, Ornelas, Price Todd, and Rosenblatt.
3. **Presentation: Volunteers at Austin Public Library**
   Deborah Scharven, Volunteer Services Coordinator, provided an overview of volunteer recruitment, requirements to volunteer, volunteer positions, and benefits to the Library.

4. **Old Business:** None

5. **New Business**
   a. Employee Appreciation Awards Selection
      Commission members reviewed the Library Employee Award Nominations and chose recipients.
   b. Branch Liaison Briefings
      1) Vice Chair Pat Dabbert attended the Austin Public Library Friends Foundation monthly meeting where she learned about events being planned to announce and promote sponsorship opportunities for the New Central Library.
      2) Chair Olga Wise visited Southeast Branch. She met with staff and learned more about APL's "Geek the Library" marketing campaign.

3) Commission Member Sharon Kahn visited Recycled Reads. She will be attending the May 17 Recycled Reading Book Club meeting where her book *Fax Me a Bagel* will be discussed.

6. Staff Briefings

a. Facilities Update: See Director's Report
b. The Library is conducting a marketing campaign, "Geek the Library," funded by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, that promotes the concept that Austin Public Library has materials and services to support whatever you geek – whatever you are passionate about.

7. Announcements

a. Austin Public Library has released its 2014 READ poster featuring Austin chef Paul Qui.
b. The Boards and Commissions Transition Task Force is winding up their assignment. A final report and recommendations will be issued soon.

8. Future Agenda Items:

a. Recommendation by Boards and Commissions Transition Task Force that current Commission members stay in their positions until June 2015.

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