

**THE LIBRARY COMMISSION  
MINUTES****REGULAR MEETING  
23, June, 2014**

**The Library Commission convened in a Regular Meeting on Monday, June 23, 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 Ben Ornelas and Lynne Wiggins

**Commission Members Absent:** Commission Members Sharon Kahn, Wendy Price Todd and Michelle Rosenblatt

**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:**

JC Dwyer and Cindy Fisher represented Nerd Nite Austin. They described the group's outreach partnership with Austin Public Library and presented the proposal they have submitted to the Austin City Council. The proposal recommends increased support and funding for programs that appeal to young professionals, such as makerspace/new technology infrastructure, curricula and events; adult story-telling partnerships; and support for young entrepreneurs. The proposal included signatures of over 860 Austin residents.

**2. Approval of Minutes from April 28, 2014 Regular Meeting**

**The minutes from the meeting of April 28, 2014 were approved on Vice Chairman Dabbert's motion, Commission Ornelas' second on a 4-0 vote. Commission Members Kahn, Price Todd, and Rosenblatt absent.**

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

**3. Presentation: Film Frenzy 2014: Saving Austin's History**

Jeff Cohen, Austin History Center Association, screened a new short film about the History Center and updated the Commission on History Center programs and plans.

**Presentation: Austin Public Library Proposed FY15 Budget**

Victoria Rieger, Financial Manager, Austin Public Library, gave an overview of the City's financial forecast and proposed Library budget for FY15.

**4. Old Business:** None**5. New Business**

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

Chair Olga Wise apprised Commission members that the Transition Task Force recommends that current Commission members stay in their positions until June 2015. Re-application should be made through the online application form available on the Boards and Commissions web site.

- b. **Report: City Auditors' Interview with Vice Chair Patricia Dabbert**  
Vice Chair Patricia Dabbert and Chair Olga Wise described some of the questions they were asked by City Auditors. Topics included equity of service, accessibility, and what types of information the Commission receives from Library staff.
- c. **Branch Liaison Briefings were cancelled due to the Commission Meeting running overtime.**

**6. Staff Briefings**

**7. Announcements**

**8. Future Agenda Items**

Items 6, 7, and 8 cancelled due to the Commission Meeting running overtime.

**Adjourn:** Chair Wise adjourned the meeting at 8:04 p.m. without objection.