

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

**The Library Commission convened in a Regular Meeting on Monday, July 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 and Wendy Price Todd

**Commission Members Absent:** Commission Members Lynne Wiggins 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:** None

**2. Approval of Minutes from June 23, 2014 Regular Meeting**

**The motion to postpone this item to 09/22/2014 was approved on Vice Chair Dabbert's motion, Commission Member Ornelas' second on a 5-0 vote. Commission Members Wiggins and Rosenblatt absent.**

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

**3. Old Business:** None

**4. New Business**

a. Discussion of action on the Austin Public Library Proposed FY15 Budget/Financial Forecast

Library Director Brenda Branch described the budget process for FY15.

b. Boards and Commissions Transition Taskforce Survey

Commission members reported that they are responding to the survey on an individual basis.

c. Discussion on canceling the August meeting

**The motion to cancel the August Commission meeting was approved on Commission Member Kahn's motion, Vice Chair Dabbert's second on a 4-0-1 vote. Commission Members Wiggins and Rosenblatt absent.** Those voting aye were: Chair Wise, Vice Chair Dabbert, and Commission Members Kahn and Ornelas. Commission member Price-Todd abstained.

d. Branch Liaison Briefings

- 1) Chair Olga Wise wrote to her assigned branches and attended a samba program at Yarborough. She will be attending City Council candidate meetings to make candidates aware of the Library.
- 2) Commission Member Ornelas attended City of Austin mentor tutor open houses
- 3) Commission Members Ornelas and Price-Todd attended a program presented in Spanish at Faulk Central on the history of Mexican maps.
- 4) Commission member Kahn was the guest author at a session of the Recycled Reads book club.

**5. Staff Briefings**

- a. Facilities Update: See Director's Report

**6. Announcements:** None

**7. Future Agenda Items:**

- a. Ideas for future discussion are: 1) The Architectural League of New York's *Re-envisioning Branch Libraries* study done in conjunction with the Center for an Urban Future's ongoing research on branch libraries in New York City – see <http://archleague.org/2014/07/re-envisioning-branch-libraries/>  
2) "What I Wish I'd Known Before I Became a Library Commissioner."

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