



**THE LIBRARY COMMISSION  
MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING  
17, November, 2014**

**The Library Commission convened in a Regular Meeting on Monday, November 17, 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, Wendy Price Todd and Michelle Rosenblatt

**Commission Members Absent:** Commission Members Ben Ornelas and 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:** Carlos León addressed the Commission about the Manchaca Road Branch layout.
- 2. Approval of Minutes from October 27, 2014 Regular Meeting**

The minutes from the meeting of October 27, 2014 were approved on Commission Member Price Todd's motion, Board Member Rosenblatt's second on a 5-0 vote. Commission Members Ornelas and Wiggins absent.
- 3. Presentation: Outreach at Austin Public Library**

Youth Services Program Specialist Devo Carpenter gave a presentation about the Storytime Connection Grant that has enabled the Library to create a reading tips web site for parents and to provide literacy training to over 550 childcare workers.
- 4. Old Business:**
  - a. Update on the Re-envisioning Branch Libraries study conducted by the Architectural League of New York.

Commission Member Price Todd reported that the study is due to be released soon. We will discuss it once it is published.
- 5. New Business**
  - a. Discussion of 2015 Meeting Schedule

The proposed 2015 Meeting Schedule was adopted with a correction of the May date from May 25 to May 26 on Vice Chair Dabbert's motion, Chair Wise's second on a 5-0 vote. Commission members Ornelas and Wiggins absent.

b. Discussion of 2015 Commission Goals

Chair Wise proposed that the Commission set the following goals to be in effect until June 2015 when terms for the current Commission members will expire. 1) Continue library liaison visits. and 2) Work with council to see that extended hours continue in 2015.

c. Discussion of cancellation of December 2014 meeting

Cancellation of the December 2014 meeting was approved on Vice Chair Dabbert's motion, Commission member Kahn's second on a 4-0 vote. Commission member Price Todd abstained. Commission members Ornelas and Wiggins absent.

**6. Staff Briefings**

- a. Facilities Update: See Director's Report

**7. Announcements:** None

**8. Future Agenda Items:**

- a. Ideas for future discussion are: 1) The Library's regional organization for branches and 2) The Library's Succession plan

**Adjourn:** Chair Wise adjourned the meeting at 7:20 p.m. without objection.