



**THE LIBRARY COMMISSION
MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING
23, February, 2015**

The Library Commission convened in a Regular Meeting on Monday, February 23, 2015 at the Howson Branch, 2500 Exposition Blvd. in Austin, Texas.

Chair Olga Wise called the Board Meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

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

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

1. Citizen Communication: None

2. Approval of Minutes from January 26, 2015 Regular Meeting

The minutes from the meeting of January 26, 2015 were approved on Board Member Price Todd's motion, Vice Chair Dabbert's second on a 6-0 vote. Board Member Rosenblatt absent.

3. Presentation: Digital Inclusion Horizon, Sue Soy, Development Services Manager
Sue Soy presented information about the Library's role in the City's Digital Inclusion Strategic Plan and suggested a future joint meeting of the Library Commission and the Technology and Telecommunications Commission.

4. Old Business: 2014 Annual Internal Review

Board members suggested revisions to the draft of the 2014 Annual Internal Review. The 2014 Annual Review as revised was approved on Board Member Price Todd's motion, Board Member Ornelas' second on a 6-0 vote. Board Member Rosenblatt absent.

5. New Business

a. Branch Liaison assignments

Board members will keep their current assignments.

b. Conversation Corps, Sharon Herfurth

Division Manager Sharon Herfurth described the City's new public engagement initiative, Conversation Corps. The Library will participate by providing meeting rooms for Conversation Corps sessions and by providing information to Library staff and commission members on how they can become Conversation Corps facilitators.

c. Employee Award Nominations

Nominations for the 2014 Austin Public Library Employee Awards were distributed. Commission members will submit their selections by March 12, 2015.

d. Branch Liaison Briefings

Board member Price Todd noted the retirement of the Twin Oaks Branch Manager, Anita Fudell; and she visited the Cepeda Branch where she observed staff patiently helping a patron fill out forms. Chair Wise observed that the Yarborough Branch parking lot is full on Sundays and that Yarborough's new Sunday hours are working well for the public. Board member Ornelas reported that parking direction signs in the Terrazas Branch lot are being ignored by the public. Vice Chair Dabbert visited the North Village Branch where she observed attentive customer service being provided to an older couple.

6. Staff Briefings

- a. Facilities Update: See Director's Report

7. Announcements:

- a. The 2015 Mayor's book club is forthcoming, but the title and program dates haven't been released yet.

8. Future Agenda Items

- a. Winners of the 2014 APL Employee Awards

Adjourn: Chair Wise adjourned the meeting at 6:30 p.m. without objection.