



**THE LIBRARY COMMISSION
MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING
22, October, 2012**

The Library Commission convened in a Regular Meeting on Monday, October 22, 2012 at the Yarborough Branch, 2200 Hancock Dr. in Austin, Texas

Chair Wendy Price Todd called the Board Meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

Board Members in Attendance: Chair Wendy Price Todd, Patricia Dabbert, Sharon Kahn, Peggy Pleasant, Lynne Wiggins and Olga Wise

Board Members Absent: Vice Chair Ben Ornelas

Staff in Attendance: Brenda Branch, Director of Libraries; Toni Lambert, Assistant Director of Libraries; John Gillum, Facilities Process Manager; Diane Palan, Yarborough Regional Branch Operations; Mindy Reed, Bookstore Manager for Recycled Reads and Toni Grasso, Administrative Manager

1. Citizen Communication: None

2. Approval of Minutes from September 24, 2012 Regular Meeting and October 1, 2012 Special Called Meeting

Motion to approve the minutes as written by Commission Member Kahn and second by Commission Member Wise passed on a 5-0-1 vote

Those members voting aye were: Chair Price Todd, and Commission Members Kahn and Pleasant.

Other: Vice Chair Ben Ornelas was absent

Abstained: Commissioner Member Lynne Wiggins abstained due to not being a member during the last two meetings.

3. Introduction of New Library Commissioner Lynne Wiggins

Commission Member Wiggins, a native of Alabama, has lived in Austin for five years. She is an Attorney and Financial Advisor with Pecan Street Wealth Management Partners, LLC. She is an avid reader, parent of two children and frequents the local Howson branch often.

4. Introduction of Yarborough Regional Branch Operations Manager Diane Palan

The Yarborough Branch opened January, 1999. Yarborough is in the top ten for busiest branches. There are over eight full-time staff and 8-10 volunteers who help out.

5. Presentation: Recycled Reads Operation and Sustainability

Mindy Reed, Bookstore Manager for Recycled Reads

Recycled Reads will celebrate its four year anniversary in February 2013. The business model focuses on four areas:

- 1.) Maximizing the use of City Materials
- 2.) Raising funds for APL

- 3.) Educating the Public on Recycling/upcycling efforts
- 4.) Commitment to COA Zero Landfill and Carbon Footprint initiatives

6. New Business

a. Officer Elections

Elections for Chair- Commission Member Wise nominated Commission Member Pleasant for Chair and she accepted. Having no other nominations, Peggy Pleasant was elected Chair in a 6-0-0 vote

Those members voting aye were: Chair Price Todd, Commission Members Dabbert, Kahn, Pleasant, Wiggins and Wise

Elections for Vice Chair - Commission Member Dabbert nominated Commission Member Wise for Vice Chair and she accepted. Having no other nominations, Olga Wise was elected Chair in a 5-0-1 vote

Those members voting aye were: Chair Price Todd, Commission Members Dabbert, Kahn, Pleasant, Wiggins

Other: Commission Member Wise abstained

b. Branch Liaison Briefings

1) Commission Member Dabbert met with Mike Miller, Austin History Center (AH) Manager.

2) Commission Member Pleasant visited the Manchaca Branch. She was impressed with the displays and the collection, especially the large print collection. She also dropped in on the book club.

c. Staff Briefings

1) The opening reception for the AHC's exhibit "Building a Community: The First Century of African American Life in Travis County" will be Sunday, October 28.

2) The Leaf for a Leaf Program kicks off Saturday, October 27 at the Hampton at Oak Hill branch.

3) The Texas Book Festival is Saturday and Sunday, October 27-28. APL will share a booth with APLFF

4) Facilities Update: see Director's Report

a) The AHC waste water line construction will start on November 3, one-third of the parking lot will be closed off

5) New York Times Best Selling Author, JA Jance will have a reading and book signing at the Ruiz branch Thursday, November 15 at 7pm

6) Literature Live!'s new puppet show, "The Elves and the Shoemaker" begins November 7 and runs through December 18.

7. Future Agenda Item: 2013 Meeting Schedule

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