



**THE LIBRARY COMMISSION
MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING
16 November, 2016**

The Library Commission convened in a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, November 16, 2016 at the Austin History Center, 810 Guadalupe St. in Austin, Texas.

Chair Patricia Dabbert called the Board Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Board Members in Attendance: Chair Patricia Dabbert, Vice Chair Chad Williams, Commission Members Cindy Fisher, Emily Hersh, Steven Self, Wendy Price Todd, and Lynne Wiggins

Board Members Absent: Commission Members Roxanne Bogucka and Aimee Finney

Staff in Attendance: Brenda Branch, Director of Libraries, Toni Lambert, Assistant Director for Public Services; John Gillum, Facilities Process Manager, and Sharon Herfurth, Library Division Manager

1. **Citizen Communication:** Carlos Leon spoke about the media. Steve Siwinski spoke about “On the Same Page,” a proposal for volunteers to help Library staff with outreach to sign up residents for Library cards.
2. **Approval of Minutes from September 28, 2016 Regular Meeting**
The minutes from the meeting of September 28, 2016 were approved on Vice Chair Williams’ motion, Commission Member Hersh’s second on a 6-0 vote. Commission member Todd off the dais. Commission members Bogucka and Finney absent.
3. **Presentation: Recycled Reads Bookstore**
Mindy Reed, Library Manager, gave a presentation about the Library’s bookstore Recycled Reads and their partnership with Austin Resource Recovery.
4. **Old Business:** none
5. **New Business:**
 - a. Discussion of creating a working group or a committee to address a specific initiative or issue
The motion to create a working group to explore a possible presence at Austin-Bergstrom International Airport was approved on Commissioner Member Todd’s motion, Vice Chair Williams’ second on a 7-0 vote. Commission members Bogucka and Finney absent. Commission Members Fisher and Todd and Vice Chair Williams will comprise the working group.

b. Discussion of a library presence at the airport

Ideas included a kiosk to promote the Library's Virtual Library, an area for listening to Library podcasts, an area for children's activities, promotion of the New Central Library, and a Recycled Reads area.

c. Approval of 2017 Meeting Schedule

The 2017 Meeting Schedule was approved on Commission Member Hersh's motion, Commission Member Wiggins' second on a 7-0 vote. Commission members Bogucka and Finney absent.

6. Branch Liaison Briefings:

Chair Dabbert attended the staff meeting at the Cepeda Branch and the Library Foundation gala. Commission Member Wiggins will be featured in a piece about the Library in Tarrytown Living Magazine. Commission Member Self attended a program at the Yarborough Branch, and Commission Member Fisher attended a program at the Terrazas Branch. Commission Member Hersh reported on outreach from the Little Walnut youth librarian to Lanier High School students.

7. Questions about Director's Report:

John Gillum, Facilities Process Manager answered questions about Library Capital Improvement Projects.

8. Announcements:

A holiday party will be held the hour prior to the next Library Commission meeting on December 14, 2016.

9. Future Agenda Items: Presentation from the Texas State Library & Archives Commission, Report from the Working Group

Adjourn: Chair Dabbert adjourned the meeting at 7:52 p.m. without objection.