



**THE LIBRARY COMMISSION  
MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING  
14 December, 2016**

**The Library Commission convened in a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, December 14, 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 Roxanne Bogucka, Aimee Finney, Cindy Fisher, Emily Hersh, Steven Self, Wendy Price Todd, and Lynne Wiggins

**Board Members Absent:** none

**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 how to separate fact from fiction in the digital age. Carol Martin spoke about the contributions of retiring Library director Brenda Branch to Austin Public Library.
- 2. Staff Briefing: Bert Lumbreras, Assistant City Manager**  
Bert Lumbreras, Assistant City Manager, talked about the process and timeline for hiring a new Director of Libraries.
- 3. Approval of Minutes from November 16, 2016 Regular Meeting**  
The minutes from the meeting of November 16, 2016 were approved on Commission Member Todd's motion, Vice Chair Williams' second on a 9-0 vote.
- 4. Old Business:** none
- 5. New Business:**
  - a. Discussion of "On the Same Page" Library card sign-up proposal  
Commission Member Cindy Fisher will draft a recommendation stating that the Library Commission supports the "On the Same Page" initiative to augment Austin Public Library's existing outreach program to register people for Library cards.

**6. Working Group Report:**

Commission Member Todd gave a Citizen Communication to the Airport Advisory Commission about the Library's desire to have a presence at the airport. The Working Group has requested a tour of the airport and suggested that two Airport Advisory Commission Members be added to the Library Working Group.

**7. Branch Liaison Briefings:**

Commission members Bogucka, Todd, Fisher, and Williams reported on their visits to APL branches. Commission Member Finney reported that the Junior League gave out over 10,000 books at Coats for Kids.

**8. Questions about Director's Report:**

John Gillum, Facilities Process Manager, answered questions about work on the Austin History Center and the restaurateur for the New Central Library.

**9. Announcements:**

Commission Member Bogucka reported that the Joint Cultural Commission hasn't met yet. She also reported that UT has started a program called CineLit based on the Read Watch Talk series at the Yarborough Branch.

**10. Future Agenda Items:**

- Citizen engagement for New Central Library
- Texas State Library & Archives Commission presentation
- Discussion of changing Library Commission meeting dates and locations
- Setting a date for the Library Commission retreat

**Adjourn:** Chair Dabbert adjourned the meeting at 7:15 p.m. without objection.