



**THE LIBRARY COMMISSION
MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING
26 February, 2018**

The Library Commission convened in a Regular Meeting on Monday, February 26, 2018 at the Pleasant Hill Branch Library, 211 E. William Cannon Dr., in Austin, Texas.

Chair Chad Williams called the Board Meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

Board Members in Attendance: Chair Chad Williams, Commission Members Patricia Dabbert, Aimee Finney, Catherine Hanna, Emily Hersh, Steven Self, Wendy Price Todd, and Lynne Wiggins.

Board Members Absent: Vice Chair Cindy Fisher, Commission Member Roxanne Bogucka

Staff in Attendance: Roosevelt Weeks, Director of Libraries, Dana McBee, Assistant Director of Library Support Services, Sharon Herfurth, Division Manager, Office of Programs & Partnerships, and John Gillum, Facilities Process Manager

- 1. Citizen Communication:** Ronald Lipinski spoke about accessibility issues at the Central Library.
- 2. Introductions and Welcome:** Chair Williams welcomed Steve Reich, Manager, Pleasant Hill Branch Library.
- 3. Approval of Minutes from January 22, 2018 Regular Meeting:**
The minutes for the regular meeting of January 22, 2018 were approved on Commission Member Hersh's motion and Commission Member Hanna's second on an 8-0 vote. Vice Chair Fisher and Commission Member Bogucka absent.
- 4. Old Business:**
 - a. Homelessness Working Group Report**
The group will have a draft recommendation by the March meeting.
 - b. Discussion and Possible action on writing a recommendation or recommendations supporting Library bond projects**
Recommendation20180226-4b1: Support for Austin Public Library Bond Request was approved on Commission Member Wiggins' motion and Commission Member Dabbert's second on an 8-0 vote.

Recommendation20180226-4b-2: Adding the Faulk Branch to the 2018 Bond Package was approved on Commission Member Dabbert's motion and Commission Member Hanna's second on an 8-0 vote. Vice Chair Fisher and Commission Member Bogucka absent.

Recommendation20180226-4b-3: Future Use of the Faulk Branch was approved on Commission Member Dabbert's motion and Commission Member Hanna's second on an 8-0 vote. Vice Chair Fisher and Commission Member Bogucka absent.

5. New Business:

a. Discussion related to Library Rules and City Rules for Public Use of City Properties and whether citizens can distribute materials, including petitions for signature on Austin Public Library property.

Chair Williams entertained comments from Debbie Russell, Jeff Jack, Gonzalo Barrientos, Bill Bunch, and Kristina Miller.

The motion to put Discussion and Possible Action related to Library Rules and City Rules for Public Use of City Properties and whether citizens can distribute materials, including petitions for signature on Austin Public Library Property on the March 26, 2018 agenda was approved on Commission Member Todd's motion and Commission Member Hanna's second on an 8-0 vote. Vice Chair Fisher and Commission Member Bogucka absent.

6. Discussion of Director's Monthly Report for January 2018 covering programming highlights, volunteer services, revenue, and policy violation statistics:

Commissioners asked about accessibility at the Central Library and plans for renovations to the Old Quarry Branch.

7. Discussion of commissioner visits to branch libraries:

Commission member Todd visited the Twin Oaks Branch; Commission Member Hanna visited the Spicewood Springs Branch; Chair Williams attended the Austin History Center's Eberly luncheon; and Commission Member Hersh visited the Little Walnut Creek Branch.

8. Announcements related to Community Events

Representatives from the Library of Congress and the American Library Association will be coming to SXSW.

9. Future Agenda Items:

Discussion and Possible Action related to Library Rules and City Rules for Public Use of City Properties and whether citizens can distribute materials, including petitions for signature on Austin Public Library Property

Adjourn: Chair Williams adjourned the meeting at 8:25 p.m. without objection.