



**THE LIBRARY COMMISSION
MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING
27 August, 2018**

The Library Commission convened in a Regular Meeting on Monday, August 27, 2018 at the Twin Oaks Branch Library, 1800 S. Fifth St., in Austin, Texas.

Chair Chad Williams called the Board Meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

Board Members in Attendance: Chair Chad Williams, Vice Chair Catherine Hanna, and Commission Members Patricia Dabbert, Aimee Finney, Cindy Fisher, Steven Self, and Wendy Price Todd

Board Members Absent: Commission Members Roxanne Bogucka, Emily Hersh, and Deborah Pardo-Kaplan

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

- 1. Citizen Communication:** David Todd spoke about Library programs.
- 2. Approval of Minutes from July 23, 2018 Regular Meeting:**
The minutes of the regular meeting were approved on Vice Chair Hanna's motion and Commission Member Todd's second on a 7-0 vote. Commission Members Bogucka, Hersh, and Pardo-Kaplan absent.
- 3. Introductions and Welcome:** Chair Williams welcomed Michelle Beebower, Assistant Branch Manager, Twin Oaks Branch.
- 4. Old Business:**
 - a. Discussion and possible action on: Library Use Rules – Working Group Report
Carlos Leon spoke about leafleting. Library Commission Recommendation 20180827-4a: Rules for Petitioning / Signature Gathering at Library Branches was approved on Vice Chair Hanna's motion and Commission Member Finney's second on a 7-0 vote. Commission Members Bogucka, Hersh, and Pardo-Kaplan absent.
 - b. Discussion and possible action on FY19 Budget Recommendations

Library Commission Recommendation 20180827-4b: Support for Austin Public Library FY19 Budget was approved on Vice Chair Hanna's motion and Commission Member Dabbert's second on a 7-0 vote. Commission Members Bogucka, Hersh, and Pardo-Kaplan absent.

5. New Business:

a. Discussion and possible action on a Liaison Role to the Austin Public Library Foundation and the Austin History Center Association. Vice Chair Hanna will be the liaison to the Austin Public Library Foundation and the Austin History Center Association.

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

Commissioners asked about the status of proposed renovations to the Little Walnut Creek Branch and the Hampton at Oak Hill branches; the planned seed exchange program; plans for the upcoming one-year anniversary of the opening of the Central Library; and the APL/AISD Library card campaign.

7. Discussion of commissioner visits to branch libraries:

Commission Member Self visits Central frequently and commented on how busy it is. Vice Chair Hanna is pleased about the new automatic renewal of materials and the increase in the number of holds allowed. Commission Member Fisher is visiting the Carver Branch weekly and checked out a light meter there. Commission Member Todd took the Dean of the Rice School of Architecture on a tour of Central. She also visited the Terrazas Branch. Commission Member Finney asked if the WiFi hot spot check-out program has started. Chair Williams noted that the shared learning rooms at Central are easier to schedule now.

8. Announcements related to Community Events

On Thursday, August 30, the Library will receive a Library Day Proclamation from the Mayor and Council.

September 15 at Central, there will be a Travis County Housing Fair.

October 12 will be the grand reopening celebration for the Southeast Branch.

9. Future Agenda Items:

Briefing on technology in Austin Public Libraries

Briefing on Summer Reading 2018

Briefing about how Austin Public Library selects and acquires books and other materials

Reception for Austin Public Library Foundation and Austin History Center Association in December.

Adjourn: Chair Williams adjourned the meeting at 7:40 p.m. without objection.