



**THE LIBRARY COMMISSION
MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING
26 August, 2019**

The Library Commission convened in a Regular Meeting on Monday, August 26, 2019 at the North Village Branch, 2505 Steck Ave., in Austin, Texas.

Chair Hanna called the Board Meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Board Members in Attendance: Chair Catherine Hanna and Vice Chair Aimee Finney, Commission Members Patricia Dabbert, JC Dwyer, Deborah Pardo-Kaplan, Daniella Ramos, Steven Self, Beth Smyer, and Chad Williams

Board Members Absent: none

Staff in Attendance: Roosevelt Weeks, Director of Libraries; Anne Bramblett, Assistant Director for Public Services; Dana McBee, Assistant Director for Support Services; Rachel Nguyen, Communications Manager, John Daniels, Facilities Planning Manager, Sharon Herfurth, Division Manager, Office of Programs & Partnerships, Emi Johnson, Business Process Consultant, Patti Fowler, Division Manager, Central Library; Wendy Harrison, Financial Manager; Pamela Bowles, Division Manager, Branch Services; Mindy Reed, Manager, Recycled Reads Bookstore; Joe Faulk, Information Systems Manager; Chip Pryor, IT Supervisor Sr.; David Faulkner, Program Specialist

- 1. Citizen Communication:** Carlos Leon spoke about limited public forums.
- 2. Approval of Minutes from the July 22, 2019 Regular Meeting:**
The minutes of the regular meeting were approved on Vice Chair Finney's motion and Commission member Williams' second on a 9-0 vote.
- 3. Introductions and Welcome:** Michael Abramov, North Village Branch Manager, gave an update about branch activities.
- 4. Presentation: Austin Library Foundation**
Cecily Sailer, Programs & Events Director gave an overview of Foundation fundraising activities and programs.
- 5. Old Business:**
 - a. Discussion and possible action on Recycled Reads Working Group Recommendation.
The following citizens spoke: Carlos Leon, Bob Stevens, Steve Neel, Barbara McArthur, Chip Harris, and Nancy Harris.

Library Commission Recommendation 201900826-5a: The Future of Recycled Reads was approved on Commission Member Ramos' motion and Vice Chair Finney's second on a 9-0 vote.

b. Update, discussion and possible action on Library Youth Policies.

Citizen Carlos Leon spoke.

Anne Bramblett, Assistant Director for Public Services and Pam Bowles, Division Manager, Branch Services gave a presentation on Positive Youth Engagement at APL.

6. New Business: none

7. Discussion of Director's Monthly Report for August 2019 covering programming highlights, volunteer services, revenue, and policy updates:

Director Weeks covered APL locations used as cooling centers; HVAC repairs at the Austin History Center, and Drag Queen Storytime.

8. Discussion of commissioner visits to branch libraries:

Chair Hanna went with her mother to the Woodstock tribute concert at Central. Commissioner Ramos went to Little Walnut Creek Branch to see the Art in Public Places installation *A Lord of the Plains: A Tribute to Quanah Parker*.

8. Future Agenda Items:

Civic Engagement at APL for September or October

Discuss and revise agenda items discussed at 2019 Library Commission retreat

Adjourn: Chair Hanna adjourned the meeting at 9:02 p.m. without objection.