



Annual Internal Review

This report covers the time period of 7/1/2021 to 6/30/2022

Library Commission

Mission Statement: The Library Commission shall make recommendations to the city council on matters relating to the establishment, maintenance, and operation of the public libraries. City Code Section 2-1-150

1. **Describe the board's actions supporting their mission during the previous calendar year. Address all elements of the board's mission statement as provided in the relevant sections of the City Code.**
 - a. Commissioners served as liaisons to branches within their respective council districts.
 - Commissioners attended dedications of remodeled Pleasant Hill and University Hills Branches
 - Commissioners attended listening sessions for digital inclusion at the Southeast Branch
 - b. Commissioners informed their respective City Council members about major issues facing the library.
 - c. Commissioners were briefed about the library operations so as to be able to answer questions from the City Council members and their constituents.
 - Volunteer services at Austin Public Library
 - CapMetro on Transportation services to APL Central Library
 - Recycled Reads Bookstore
 - Digital inclusion in partnership with the Community Technology and Telecommunications Commission
 - Book selection and reconsideration policy

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- 2023 Budget Proposal
- APL Facilities
- Travis County Registrar of Voters and League of Women Voters on voter engagement opportunities
- Library Foundation
- Austin History Center Association

d. Commissioners met remotely in June 29, 2021, and August 30, 2021, due to the Governor's Covid-19 Disaster Declaration and the City of Austin's Covid-19 quarantine guidelines. All other meetings were held as either hybrid or in-person meetings.

e. Commission Chair responded to questions from the community and from local media.

f. Commissioners reviewed and passed two recommendations:

- APL Commission Recommendation 20220124-5a: Eliminate Late Fees at Austin Public Library
- APL Commission Recommendation 20220418-5c: Freedom to Read and a Freedom to Read Resolution

2. Determine if the board's actions throughout the year comply with the mission statement.

As outlined in the previous question, all actions comply with the mission statement.

3. List the board's goals and objectives for the new calendar year.

a. Using the City Council districts, commissioners will continue to be assigned specific branches and serve as liaisons to those branches.

b. Commissioners will continue to inform their respective City Council member about major issues facing the library.

c. Commissioners will be well informed about system wide Library operations; they will be prepared to answer questions about the Central Library, the Austin History Center, and the Austin Public Library Branches. Commissioners will host open house activities at branches in their respective council districts.

d. Commissioners will continue advocacy for "Freedom to Read" at Austin Public Library.

e. Commissioners met on June 18 to plan goals and objectives for the coming year. Other specific goals for the next year include:

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- Form working groups for Board Development and Community Engagement
- Strengthen partnerships with affiliate organizations such as the Austin Public Library Foundation and the Austin History Center Association
- Develop new partnerships with organizations whose missions complement that of the Austin Public Library
- Explore and make a recommendation regarding an Enhanced Library Card.