



Annual Internal Review

This report covers the time period of 7/1/2022 to 6/30/2023

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 branch events, including the 25th anniversary celebration of the opening of the Cepeda Branch
 - Commissioners visited with each of their respective library Branch Manager or staff.
 - Two commissioners attended a neighborhood association forum to discuss library events
 - Commission chair provided keynote address at APL staff development day
 - Commission chair attended meetings of the Austin Public Library Foundation
 - 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.

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- Library strategic plan
- Facilities construction and renovation plans
- Enhanced Library Card implementation
- Austin Public Library Digital Application
- Summer Reading Program
- First Amendment Audits
- Legislative issues pertaining to libraries
- 2024 Budget Proposal
- Austin History Center Association

d. All meetings were held in-person with some commissioners occasionally joining remotely.

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

f. Commissioners reviewed and passed the below recommendations:

- APL Commission Recommendations #20220725-8 and #20230515-6: Support for Enhanced Library Cards
- APL Commission Recommendations #20220725-6, #20230327-4 and #20230515-7: Budget Recommendations
- APL Commission Recommendations #20230327-6 and #20230515-5: Opposition to legislation pending in the 88th Texas Legislature

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.

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e. Commissioners met on July 8 to plan goals and objectives for the coming year. Other specific goals for the next year include:

- Form working groups to explore how to support APL facilities planning goals, and how to overcome barriers to achieve equity of library service
- Support efforts to fully implement the Enhanced Library Card program
- Continue to monitor efforts that would restrict the right of citizens of all ages to read freely
- Keep council members and the public informed about the ongoing importance of libraries and library service