



**THE LIBRARY COMMISSION
MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING
22, November, 2010**

The Library Commission convened in a regular meeting on Monday, November 22, 2010 at the Austin History Center at 810 Guadalupe St. in Austin, Texas.

Chair Carol Martin called the Board Meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Board Members in Attendance: Chair Carol Martin, Vice Chair Wendy Price Todd, Carolyn Goldston, David Kobierowski, Gloria Meraz

Board Members Absent: Gretchen Hoffmann and Ben Ornelas

Staff in Attendance: Bert Lumbreras, Assistant City Manager; Greg Canally, Deputy Chief Financial Officer; Cindy Jordan, Project Manager, Public Works Department; Toni Lambert, Assistant Director of Libraries; John Gillum, Facilities Planning Manager; Heidi Ruiz, Library Building Improvement Coordinator; Toni Grasso, Administrative Manager, Terry Jennings; Program Specialist

1. Citizen Communication

Tim Staley, Executive Director, Austin Public Library Friends Foundation spoke about the annual benefit celebrating the 25th anniversary of Lonesome Dove. It was the highest netting benefit ever held by the Foundation.

2. Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the Special Called Meeting of 10/18/2010 were approved on Commission Member Meraz's motion on a 4-0 vote.

Those members voting aye were: Chair Martin, Vice Chair Price Todd and Commission Members Goldston and Meraz

Other –Commission Member Hoffmann and Ornelas was absent. Commission Member Kobierowski not present for vote

3. New Business

- a. New Central Library Project Briefing (presentation document attached) – Presented by The Joint Venture of Lake | Flato Architects and Shepley Bulfinch Richardson and Abbott

The presentation was made by Bert Lumbreras, Assistant City Manager and Greg Canally, Deputy Chief Financial Officer with the City of Austin and Hilary Mattison of Shepley Bulfinch Richardson and Abbott and Steve Raike of Lake | Flato architectural firms.

“A Library for the Future” the new Central Library will be between 185,000 SF and 200,000 SF with a recommended funding plan of \$120 million. When City Council

approves the Building Program, schematic design will begin January 2011, construction will begin winter of 2013 with completion in 2015.

Citizen Communication

Robin Orłowski, who moved to Austin in 2007, spoke in support of a new central library. She expressed concern about the size of the current central library.

- b. Staff Briefings – (Director’s Report attached)
 - 1) Teen Services is in the process of hiring three new teen librarians. Background checks are being processed; all three should be on board by January.
 - 2) Youth Services is conducting interviews for one children’s librarian position.
 - 3) Terry Jennings is the new Program Specialist in the Administrative Office who will be assisting the Director and Assistant Directors.
 - 4) **Facilities Update:** Hensel Phelps, the selected Construction Manager at Risk for the New Central Library contract was executed on November 19, 2010. The prime contractor for the cabling for the security camera installation has performed walkthroughs and provided the City with cost proposals. On December 9, 2010 Council will approve the bid submitted by Muniz Concrete & Contracting, Inc. for repairs to the Austin History Center ADA wheelchair ramp. The design documents are in review for the AHC sewer retrofit. The Southeast Austin Community Branch Library is scheduled to close on Monday, December 6, 2010, for renovations of both exterior and interior building elements and finishes. The work will be done in house out of the operating budget. It is scheduled to reopen in late spring 2011. The security enhancement project will provide additional and upgraded exterior security lighting at a number of branch library locations, including Windsor Park, Southeast Austin Community, Ruiz, University Hills and Little Walnut Creek. This will also come out of the department’s operating budget.

4. Future Agenda Items

- a. Discussion on Need For Special Called Meeting

The Library Commission Members along with City Council will receive the New Central Library Architectural Building Program on Monday, November 29, 2010. If, after review, it is determined a meeting is needed before the Building Program goes back to City Council for approval on Thursday, December 9, 2010, the Chair will call a meeting.

Adjourn: Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:53 p.m. without objection.