



**THE LIBRARY COMMISSION
MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING
23, May, 2011**

The Library Commission convened in a regular Meeting on Monday, May 23, 2011 at the Austin History Center at 810 Guadalupe St. in Austin, Texas.

Chair Carol Martin called the Board Meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Board Members in Attendance: Chair Carol Martin, Vice Chair Wendy Price Todd, Dave Fox, Carolyn Goldston, Ben Ornelas and Peggy Lee Pleasant

Board Members Absent: None

Staff in Attendance: Brenda Branch, Director of Libraries; Toni Lambert, Assistant Director of Libraries; Dana McBee, Assistant Director of Libraries; John Gillum, Facilities Process Manager; Victoria Rieger, Financial Manager; Diane Siler, Financial Manager; David Paine, Budget Analyst; Toni Grasso, Administrative Manager

1. Citizen Communication:

- a. Chris Ritecz, Austin Public Library Friends Foundation, stated she was attending to hear the Budget Presentation and support the Library.

2. Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the Regular Called Meeting of 3/28/2011 and 4/25/2011 were approved with the following amendments on Commission Member Fox's motion and Commission Member Ornelas's second on a 5-0-1. The amendments were: for 3/28/11, Item 4b was changed to Vice Chair Price Todd visited both the Twin Oaks Branch (ATO) and Terrazas Branch (ATB) at the same time of day within the last month. ATB was extremely quiet compared to ATO which is always busy. ATO has a lot of activity with the families and children using the computers and other patrons using other parts of the library for work. ATBs collection is impressive for a branch that size; for 4/25/11, Item 4, the statement "it is funded through a state contract that is supported by a federal grant." was removed.

Those members voting aye were: Chair Martin, Vice Chair Price Todd and Commission Members Fox, Ornelas and Pleasant

Abstained – Commission Member Goldston abstained because she was not in attendance at the April 25, 2011 meeting.

3. Presentation: City of Austin Budget Office 2011-2012 Proposed General Fund

Diane Siler, Corporate Budget Manager, presented the City of Austin's Proposed FY 11-12 Budget that was presented to City Council on April 20. The City is facing a 10 million dollar budget gap. The Austin Public Library receives approximately 4% of the General Fund.

4. Presentation: Austin Public Library 2011-2012 Proposed Budget

Victoria Rieger, Financial Manager, presented APL's Proposed FY 11-12 Budget including CIP, Proposed Budget Reductions and Unmet Needs Request. The three unmet needs are exterior security cameras, two additional security guards and two additional custodial staff.

Motion by Commission Member Goldston and Commission Member Pleasant's second that the Library Commission prepare a letter for the City Council and City Manager supporting the Austin Public Library's Proposed General Fund and CIP Budget and unmet needs failed on a 3-3-0 vote

Those members voting aye were: Commission Members Goldston, Ornelas and Pleasant

Those members voting nay were: Chair Martin, Vice Chair Price Todd and Commission Member Fox

5. Unfinished Business

- a. Discussion and action on the Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan: None taken.

6. New Business

- a. Branch Liaison Briefings: No briefings at this time
- b. Staff Briefings: No briefings at this time

7. Future Agenda Items: None

Adjourn: Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:11 p.m. without objection.