



**THE LIBRARY COMMISSION
MINUTES**

**SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
31, May, 2011**

The Library Commission convened in a Special Called Meeting on Tuesday, May 31, 2011 at the Austin History Center at 810 Guadalupe St. in Austin, Texas.

Chair Carol Martin called the Board Meeting to order at 12:00 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; Dana McBee, Assistant Director of Libraries; John Gillum, Facilities Process Manager; Toni Grasso, Administrative Manager

1. Citizen Communication: None

2. Unfinished Business

- a. Discussion and action of Library Commission priorities for APL Budget for 2011-2012 Proposed General Fund and CIP requests

Motion by Commissioner Goldston seconded by Commissioner Pleasant: that the Library Commission send a letter to City Council stating support for the APL's Proposed General Fund and CIP Budget and unmet needs. Motion failed on 3-2-0 vote.

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

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

Other – Vice Chair Price Todd was absent at the time of this vote

'Motion by Commissioner Goldston: that the Commission send a letter supporting the CIP Budget separately from a letter supporting the General Fund Budget failed due to the lack of a second.

Motion by Vice Chair Price Todd: that the Library Commission draft a letter in support of APL's budget with particular emphasis on a number of issues. Motion was withdrawn

Motion by Commission Member Fox, seconded by Commissioner Pleasant: that the Library Commission draft a letter that supports APL's budget as presented with the exception of the proposed reductions that are in place. Friendly amendment from Chair Martin: that in the letter the Commission also states its priorities as follows: No reductions to the materials collections, funding for the security camera

projects, and funding for essential construction/maintenance projects. Motion withdrawn by Commissioner Fox.

Motion by Commissioner Ornelas, seconded by Vice Chair Price Todd: that the Library Commission draft a letter indicating support for APL's Operating and Maintenance Budget and the CIP Budget as presented by staff was approved on a 6-0-0 vote.

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

Motion by Vice Chair Price, seconded by Commissioner Fox: that the Commission's letter include language stating that given the potential for proposed budget reductions, the Library Commission supports the unmet needs of APL and the following are among the Commission's highest priorities: security, collections and maintenance was approved on a 6-0-0 vote.

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

3. Future Agenda Items: None

Adjourn: Chair adjourned the meeting at 1:41 p.m. without objection.

Library Commission

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*Carol Martin,
Chair*

*Wendy Price Todd
Vice Chair*

David Fox

Carolyn Goldston

Benito Ornelas

Peggy Pleasant

TO: The Honorable Lee Leffingwell, Mayor
All Council Members
Marc Ott, Austin City Manager

FROM: Library Commission

DATE: June 1, 2011

SUBJECT: **Austin Public Library 2011-2012 Budget**

On May 23, 2011 the Library Commission received a Budget Office presentation on the Proposed General Fund and Austin Public Library staff's Proposed Budget 2011-2012. Having reviewed the proposed budget adjustments in detail, the Library Commission unanimously recommend approval for the funding requested in the Library O & M and CIP budgets for FY 2011-12.

The Commission believes that each of the items in these budgets represents the *minimum* funding necessary to maintain an acceptable level of service to our growing numbers of Library patrons. The Library Commission priorities are to improve security in our libraries, increase maintenance and cleaning of facilities, and complete critical infrastructure repairs and renovations. In addition, the Commission strongly recommends increasing funding for the Library's materials budget as its collection size has not kept pace with our community's increased demand.

We are aware of the financial challenges ahead and we appreciate your support for the Library.

Respectfully submitted,



Carol Martin
Library Commission Chair

xc: Leslie Browder, *Chief Financial Officer*, Ed Van Eenoo, *Budget Officer*, Mike Trimble, *Capital Planning Officer*, Bert Lumbreras, *Assistant City Manager*; Brenda Branch, *Library Director*