



**THE LIBRARY COMMISSION
MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING
25, July, 2011**

The Library Commission convened in a regular Meeting on Monday, July 25, 2011 at the Austin History Center at 810 Guadalupe St. in Austin, Texas.

Chair Carol Martin called the Board Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Board Members in Attendance: Chair Carol Martin, Dave Fox, Carolyn Goldston and Peggy Lee Pleasant

Board Members Absent: Vice Chair Wendy Price Todd and Ben Ornelas

Staff in Attendance: Brenda Branch, Director of Libraries; Toni Lambert, Assistant Director of Libraries; John Gillum, Facilities Process Manager; Toni Grasso, Administrative Manager; Yolanda McKnight, Consumer Services Manager; and Cindy Beno, Librarian III

1. Citizen Communication: None

2. Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the Regular Called Meeting of 6/27/2011 were approved on a 4-0-0 vote

Those members voting aye were: Chair Martin, and Commission Members Fox, Goldston and Pleasant

Other–Vice Chair Price Todd and Commission Member Ornelas were absent

3. Presentation: Downloadables at APL

Yolanda McKnight, Consumer Services Manager – APL has contracted with Overdrive to launch downloadables in the winter of 2011. APL customers will need a Library card and PIN along with internet access to be able to download. Customers can check out three titles at a time and place five on hold.

4. New Business

- a. Discussion and Action on the need for a retreat

Motion by Commission Member Fox to move the discussion to meeting date where Vice Chair Todd is in attendance did not pass on a vote of 3-0-1 due to lack of quorum

Those members voting aye were: Chair Martin, and Commission Members Fox, and Pleasant

Abstained–Commission Member Goldston abstained due to the objection of the word need in “need for a retreat”

- b. Branch Liaison Briefings

- 1) Commission Member Goldston reported that information about Recycled Reads will appear in the August enclosure of Austin Energy bills. The University Hills branch will be celebrating its 25th anniversary on August 13. Regional Branch Manager Diane Palan has been assisting at the Spicewood Springs Branch
 - 2) Commission Member Fox visited the Windsor Park branch and was impressed with the staff and their work with the community.
 - 3) Commission Member Pleasant meet with Managing Librarian Carolyn Rogers at the Faulk Central Library. Carolyn explained the ongoing weeding process in the Reference section as more reference publications become electronic. This process has freed up space to add more seating.
 - 4) Chair Martin attended the Friends Foundation board meeting and reported that the Foundation is hosting a Teen Book Festival October 1, at the Palmer Event Center. They are coordinating with Book People and AISD.
- c. Staff Briefings
- 1) Facilities Update: see Director's Report
 - 2) APL will present its budget to City Council on August 17, during a work session. Presentations start at 9am. Thursday, August 18 is a public hearing on the entire budget, not just the departments who presented on August 17. September 12-14 is the public reading and adoption of the budget.
 - 3) The Southeast Branch will celebrate the reopening on September 17, at 10am.
 - 4) The University Hills Branch will celebrate its 25th anniversary on August 13, from 12pm to 5pm.
 - 5) A new policy will go into effect August 1. All fines must be paid in full when customers renew their cards.

5. Future Agenda Items

- a. Commission Member Fox would like to discuss the use of working groups for the Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan.

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