



**THE LIBRARY COMMISSION  
AMENDED MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING  
24, October, 2011**

**The Library Commission convened in a regular Meeting on Monday, October 24, 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, Vice Chair Wendy Price Todd, Dave Fox, Peggy Lee Pleasant and Olga Wise

**Board Members Absent:** Carolyn Goldston and Ben Ornelas

**Staff in Attendance:** Brenda Branch, Director of Libraries; John Gillum, Facilities Process Manager; Yolanda McKnight, Collection and Cataloging Services Manager; Kanya Lyons, Public Information Specialist

**1. Citizen Communication: None**

**2. Approval of Minutes**

The minutes from the Regular Called Meeting of 9/26/2011 were approved with the following amendments on Vice Chair Price Todd motion, Commission Members Fox second on a 5-0-0 vote. The amendments were: page 3, under Vice Chair Todd, questions 1, 2, 3 4 and 6 Those members voting aye were: Chair Martin, Vice Chair Price Todd and Commission Members Fox, and Pleasant  
Other – Commission Member Goldston and Ornelas were absent

**3. Presentations**

- a. Austin Public Library and Austin Energy Wattmeter Partnership  
Yolanda McKnight, Collection and Cataloging Services Manager  
APL and Austin Energy (AE) partnered to make 100 wattmeters available for checkout at any branch location. Wattmeters measure how much electricity appliances and other "plug-ins" draw from the grid. Customers check them out like a book for three weeks and can renew them twice.  
Commissioner Martin expressed support for the collaboration between the Library and Austin Energy and encouraged staff to find more opportunities for City Departments to offer appropriate services to library visitors.
- b. Building a Balanced Collection for the Austin Public Library  
Yolanda McKnight, Collection and Cataloging Services Manager  
APL has four staff members dedicated to collection development: a fiction selector, a non-fiction selector, a youth selector and a language and media selector. The staff chooses items up to three months in advance based on research and the selectors for

adult materials are required to work the reference desk four hours a week. The collection is built on the circulation stats of all material types.

#### 4. New Business

##### a. Officer Elections

**Elections for Chair-** Commission Member Fox nominated Vice Chair Price Todd for Chair and she accepted; Commission Member Pleasant nominated Commission Member Fox for Chair and he declined. Having no other nominations, Wendy Price Todd was elected Chair.

**Elections for Vice Chair -** Commission Member Fox nominated Commission Member Pleasant for Vice Chair and she declined; Commission Member Pleasant nominated Commission Member Fox for Vice Chair and he declined; Vice Chair Price Todd nominated Chair Martin for Vice Chair and she declined; Commission Member Wise nominated Commission Member Ornelas for Vice Chair, Commission Member Ornelas indicated via email to staff that he would accept any nomination made in his name. Having no other nominations, Ben Ornelas was elected Vice Chair.

##### b. 2012 Calendar – The calendar will be voted on at the next meeting

##### c. Seaholm District Poster Session Update – all City departments with projects displayed information and answered questions from citizens. The session was particularly heavy with citizens who lived downtown.

##### d. Branch Liaison Briefings

1) Commission Member Wise visited the Southeast Austin Branch. She stated the branch manager said that this was the first visit from a commission member.

2) Commission Member Fox met with Regional Branch Operations Manager Tom Moran at the Little Walnut Branch. ALW is an older facility but heavily used by the community. The Hampton Branch at Oak Hill is entirely different. The facility is large and also heavily used by the community. The local Rotary Club maintains the grounds. The branch manager will get the Rotary Club contact information for Commission Member Fox.

3) Commission Member Pleasant attended several computer classes at the Faulk Central Library including *Introduction to Blogging*. She also attended the Ruiz Branch Craft Class and plans to attend again.

4) Chair Martin attended the opening of the Carver Branch Computer and Job Search Center. Also she noted that the Carver Branch is doing creative and lively programming, including the Bad Film Festival.

##### e. Staff Briefings

1) The Overdrive Book Mobile promoting the launch of downloadables at APL will be at the Barton Creek Mall on Saturday, November 5 and Recycled Reads on Sunday, November 6

2) On October 6, 2011, City Council passed a resolution to establish a Bond Election Task Force for next fall's bond election. APL will present a deferred maintenance package for the election.

#### 5. Future Agenda Items: None

**Adjourn:** Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:00 p.m. without objection.