



**THE LIBRARY COMMISSION
MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING
27, February, 2012**

The Library Commission convened in a Regular Meeting on Monday, February 27, 2012 at the Austin History Center at 810 Guadalupe St. in Austin, Texas

Chair Wendy Price Todd called the Board Meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Board Members in Attendance: Chair Wendy Price Todd, Vice Chair Ben Ornelas, Patricia Dabbert, Sharon Kahn, Carol Martin, Peggy Pleasant, and Olga Wise

Board Members Absent: None

Staff in Attendance: Brenda Branch, Director of Libraries; Dana McBee, Assistant Director of Libraries; Victoria Rieger, Financial Manager, John Gillum, Facilities Process Manager and Toni Grasso, Administrative Manager

- 1. Citizen Communication:** Chris Ritecz, with Austin Public Library Friends Foundation, spoke about this year's Mayor's Book Club selection, Salvage the Bones by Jesmyn Ward, the upcoming New Fiction Confab and the foundation's role with APL.
- 2. Approval of Minutes from January 23, 2012 Special Called Meeting**
Motion to approve the minutes as amended by Commission Member Martin and second by Commission Member Ornelas passed on a 6-0-1 vote
Those members voting aye were: Chair Price Todd, Vice Chair Ornelas, and Commission Members Kahn, Martin and Wise.
Commission Dabbert abstained as she was not present at the meeting on January 23, 2012.
- 3. Introduction of New Commission Member: Patricia Dabbert**
Commission Member Dabbert briefly reviewed her educational and professional background and was welcomed by the Commission Members.
- 4. Presentations: City of Austin Budget Process**
Victoria Rieger, Financial Manager for APL presented how the City conducts the year long process for the budget.
- 5. New Business**
 - a. Annual Internal Review
Chair Price Todd received feedback from the Commission for the completion of this year's Annual Internal Review. The completed document will be submitted to the City Clerk's Office and posted on the Commission's webpage.

6. New Business

a. Branch Liaison Briefings

Commission Member Wise reported that she had visited the North Village Branch and met with Sharon Herfurth, managing librarian. ANV has increased its Spanish Language selection and the hold system is heavily used.

Vice Chair Ornelas visited three branches for outside meetings: ALW, ATO and ACB. He was impressed at the organization of the people waiting for the branches to open. Commission Member Pleasant and Vice Chair Ornelas expressed their preference for flexibility in the role of Branch Liaison.

Chair Price Todd met a customer of Carver's while at a function. The customer expressed frustration with the lack of enough work space for adults.

b. Staff Briefings

1) Facilities Update: see Director's Report

6. Future Agenda Items

a. Selection of Winners for APL Annual Employee Recognition Awards

b. Review of 2012 calendar meeting dates and locations

Adjourn: Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:01 p.m. without objection.