



**THE LIBRARY COMMISSION
MINUTES**

**SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
9, July, 2012**

The Library Commission convened in a Regular Meeting on Monday, July 9, 2012 at the Carver Branch, 1161 Angelina Street in Austin, Texas

Chair Wendy Price Todd called the Board Meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

Board Members in Attendance: Chair Wendy Price Todd, Patricia Dabbert, Sharon Kahn, Peggy Pleasant, and Olga Wise

Board Members Absent: Vice Chair Ben Ornelas

Staff in Attendance: Brenda Branch, Director of Libraries; Toni Lambert, Assistant Director of Libraries; John Gillum, Facilities Process Manager; Victoria Rieger, Financial Manager; Martin Aleman, Human Resource Manager and Toni Grasso, Administrative Manager

1. **Citizen Communication:** Chris Ritecz, with Austin Public Library Friends Foundation, spoke about updating the Foundation's website and that the 2012 Austin Teen Book Festival will take place at the Palmer Events Center on Saturday, September 29, 2012
2. **Approval of Minutes from May 29, 2012 Regular Meeting**
Motion to approve the minutes as written by Commission Member Kahn and second by Commission Member Pleasant passed on a 5-0-0 vote
Those members voting aye were: Chair Price Todd, and Commission Members Dabbert, Kahn, Pleasant and Wise.
Other: Vice Chair Ben Ornelas was absent
3. **Presentations: Austin Public Library Funding Sources**
Victoria Rieger, Financial Manager, presented information on the different funding sources available to APL. Besides the General Fund, there are grants, fines/fees, donations, bequeaths and Capital Improvement Project (CIP) funding
4. **Old Business: None**
5. **New Business**
 - a. **Horizon Issues – Succession Planning**
Martin Aleman, Human Resource Manager, discussed succession planning, which is a problem facing the entire City. Approximately one-third of all APL managers are eligible to retire within the next three years. Staffing shortages makes cross-training a challenge
 - b. **Branch Liaison Briefings**
Commission Member Pleasant met with Council Member Riley
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Commission Member Wise
See Backup: Liaison Visit June 2012.docx

Commission Member Kahn visited Recycled Reads and Old Quarry and discussed the changing demographics in the neighborhood and the paying of fines.

c. Staff Briefings

- 1) The Milwood branch received a \$5,000 donation from an anonymous donor who is “lover of books and a passionate Shakespearian.” Once the branch determines how the donation will be used, APL will issue a press release thanking the donor

Motion by Commission Member Pleasant and Commission Member Kahn’s second to send a thank you from the Library Commission to the anonymous donor on behalf of the Milwood Branch Manager was passed on a 5-0-0 vote. Chair Price Todd will write the thank you.

Those members voting aye were: Chair Price Todd and Commission Members Dabbert, Kahn, Pleasant and Wise.

Other: Vice Chair Ornelas was absent

See Backup: Congratulations

- 2) Facilities Update: see Director’s Report
- 3) Anna Stavinoha is the new Managing Librarian at the Old Quarry Branch

7. Future Agenda Items:

- a. Presentation from Austin Public Library Friends Foundation Executive Director regarding the Capital Funding Campaign and Naming Opportunities for the New Central Library

Adjourn: Chair adjourned the meeting at 1:21 p.m. without objection.