



**THE LIBRARY COMMISSION  
MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING  
22, April, 2013**

**The Library Commission convened in a Regular Meeting on Monday, April 22, 2013 at the Austin History Center, 810 Guadalupe St. in Austin, Texas**

**Chair Peggy Pleasant called the Board Meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.**

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

**Board Members Absent:**

**Staff in Attendance:** Brenda Branch, Director of Libraries; Toni Lambert, Assistant Director of Libraries; John Gillum, Facilities Process Manager; Reyne Telles, Media Relations Manager and Toni Grasso, Administrative Manager.

**1. Citizen Communication:** None

**2. Approval of Minutes from February 25 2013 Regular Meeting**

**Motion to approve the minutes as written by Vice Chair Wise and second by Commission Member Ornelas passed on a 5-0-1 vote.**

Those members voting aye were: Chair Pleasant, Vice Chair Wise and Commission Members Dabbert, Kahn, Ornelas and Wiggins

Abstain: Commissioner Member Price Todd abstained; she was not in attendance at the February meeting

**3. Presentation: Protocols for Commissions To Use When Addressing The Press**

Reyne Telles, Media Relations Manager, instructed the Commission on ways to handle the press. Boards and Commissions act independently from the City and staff. Important tips are to: acknowledge the reporter's deadline, ask who else they spoke with and inform the Department Director of the contact.

**4. Old Business**

a. Selection of Winners for APL Annual Employee Recognition Awards  
Winners were determined by the Library Commission

b. Google Fiber Service in Austin

The City participated in the 2010 Google's Fiber for Communities competition. The City will receive free installation in 100 buildings, the locations to be determined.

**5. New Business**

a. Branch Liaison Briefings

1) Vice Chair Wise and Commission Members Wiggins and Kahn attended a tour of branches. A quarterly tour will be set up for members; the next tour is scheduled for June 13, 2013 from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

- 2) Vice Chair Wise held a “meet and great” at the North Village branch, two people attended. She attended the New-Fiction Confab, the Dia de los Libros celebration at the South East branch and participated in the eight week writing course by Badgerdog.
  - 3) Commission Member Dabbert visited Pleasant Hill and noted the large demand for Spanish language books as well as the space issues.
  - 4) Commission Member Price Todd attended the New-Fiction Confab and a film series at Terrazas.
  - 5) Commission Member Kahn attended Recycled Reads anniversary party.
  - 6) Commission Member Ornelas took a group of shoppers to Recycled Reads.
  - 7) Chair Pleasant visited Little Walnut Creek and spoke with customers, she toured Central with the manager.
  - 8) The Commission revisited the Branch Liaison assignments for possible reassignment
- b. Staff Briefings
- 1) Facilities Update: see Director’s Report
  - 2) Upcoming Highlights
    - a) Staff is gearing up for the Summer Reading Program
    - b) The Mayor’s Book Club will begin discussions on the first book *Yellow Birds*
    - c) Giddy Up Bike Spokes is a follow up to a successful partnership with APD at the Ruiz Branch
    - d) The 2013 READ *and you will become more powerful than you could possibly imagine* poster features Peter Mayhew—the actor who played Chewbacca in Star Wars, reading to young Star Wars fans
  - 3) The 2013-2014 budget process has begun. This year all budget presentations have been filmed and made available for the public to view ahead of discussions. APL will discuss its budget presentation at the May meeting for the Commission.
- 7. Announcements**
- a. Commission Member Pat Dabbert handed out AISD bond packets
- 8. Future Agenda Items**
- a. Discussion on drafting a Library Commission Media Policy

**Adjourn:** Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:08 p.m. without objection.