



**THE LIBRARY COMMISSION
MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING
22, September, 2013**

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

Chair Peggy Pleasant called the Board Meeting to order at 6:02 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: None

Staff in Attendance: Brenda Branch, Director of Libraries; Toni Lambert, Assistant Director of Libraries John Gillum, Facilities Process Manager; Marti Cascio, Administrative Manager and Toni Grasso, Administrative Manager.

1. Citizen Communication: None

2. Approval of Minutes from July 22, 2013 Regular Meeting

Motion to approve the minutes as written by Commission Member Ornelas and second by Commission Member Kahn passed on a 6-0-0 vote.

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

Absent: Commission Member Price Todd was absent for the vote

3. Presentation: Safety, Security, Cameras

Marti Cascio, Administrative Manager

(See Backup: APL Security Custodial Commission Briefing September 2013)

4. Old Business

a. Discussion on drafting a Library Commission Media Policy

Motion by Vice Chair Wise and Commission Member Ornelas second to adopt the Library Commission Media Policy with text change was passed on a 7-0-0 vote.

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

(See Backup: Library Commission Media Policy 09232013)

5. New Business

a. Discussion on changing bylaws to allow for meetings every other month or quarterly.

Motion by Vice Chair Wise and Commission Member Ornelas' second to amend the first sentence of Article 7. (D) of the Bylaws to read "The board shall meet 10 times a year." passed on a 7-0-0 vote

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

b. Branch Liaison Briefings

- 1) Vice Chair Wise announced that Council Member Spelman donated his salary to the Library for the third year in a row. She also attended Café au Lit at North Village again and met with manager Sharon Herfuth who reported a busy summer, the Spanish story time usually has up to 70 attendees and Council Member Tovo usually attends on Fridays with her daughter. She met with staff at Windsor and discussed the Digital Divide.
- 2) Commission Member Kahn reported that Council Member Tovo gave \$6,000 of her salary to the Library.
- 3) Commission Member Price Todd visited Twin Oaks and commented on the great synergy between the branch and Becker Elementary.
- 4) Commission Member Ornelas commented that the visiting groups he takes to Recycled Reads are constantly amazed at the great things they see.
- 5) Commission Member Dabbert thanked APL for its participation in AISD's Back to School Night.

6. Staff Briefings

- a. Reference Librarians Betsey Blanche, Dean Smith and Meg Holle attended the Commission meeting. They had posted on Facebook they would be in attendance.
- b. Update on budget: APL received 4.5 Youth Services positions, a Program Specialist for the Carver Computer Job Center Lab and funding for the first three CIP
- c. Upcoming Highlights
 - 1) Author J.A. Jance will visit the North Village Branch October 2 at 7 PM to promote her new book, *Second Watch*.
 - 2) The 2013 Mayor's Book Club Fall novel will be *Billy Lynn's Long Halftime Walk* by Ben Fountain

7. Announcements: None

8. Future Agenda Items: None

Adjourn: Chair adjourned the meeting at 7:31 p.m. without objection.