



**THE LIBRARY COMMISSION  
MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING  
27, January, 2014**

**The Library Commission convened in a Regular Meeting on Monday, January 27, 2014 at the Austin History Center, 810 Guadalupe St. in Austin, Texas.**

**Chair Olga Wise called the Board Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.**

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

**Staff in Attendance:** Brenda Branch, Director of Libraries; Toni Lambert, Assistant Director of Libraries; John Gillum, Facilities Process Manager and Sharon Herfurth, Library Division Manager

**1. Citizen Communication:** None

**2. Approval of Minutes from October 28, 2013 Regular Meeting**

The minutes from the meeting of October 28, 2013 were approved with the following amendment on Board Member Ornelas' motion, Board Member Dabbert second on a 5-0-1 vote. Board Member Price Todd recused herself from this item, because she was absent when the meeting occurred. The amendment was: page 2, New Business a, Elections for Vice Chair, line 3, change "Olga Wise was elected Chair in a 5-0-1 vote" to "Patricia Dabbert was elected Vice Chair in a 6-0 vote. Board Member Price Todd absent."

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

**Approval of Minutes from November 18, 2013 Regular Meeting**

The minutes from the meeting of November 18, 2013 were approved on Board Member Ornelas' motion, Board Member Dabbert second on a 6-0 vote.

**3. Presentations:**

- a. Librarians Amy Mullin and Cindy Beno gave an update about materials that are available through the Library's Virtual Library.
- b. Heidi Tse, Library Building Improvement Coordinator, gave a presentation outlining the Library's sustainable building practices and green energy initiatives.

**4. Old Business:** None

**5. New Business**

- a. Sites and Times for 2014 Commission Meetings  
No motions were made to change the 2014 schedule that was adopted at the November 18, 2013 meeting. The schedule will remain in place for now.
- b. 2014 Commission Goals  
Chair Wise announced that she is a member of the City's task force working on the

transition plan for boards and commissions. She will keep Library Commissioners updated about any changes affecting the Library Commission. Commissioners discussed 2014 goals and proposed the following: Commission members will 1. Be prepared to answer questions about and/or make presentations about the New Central Library. 2. Learn which libraries will be in each of the new city council districts starting in January, 2015. 3. Make liaison visits to their assigned libraries each quarter. The visits can be with the library staff, observational, or include participation in library activities. 4. Attend forums where city council candidates will be present, so to learn what candidate priorities for the public libraries will be if they are elected.

c. Commission Vacancy

Sharon Herfurth reported that there are currently eight active applicants according to the City Clerk's office.

d. Branch Liaison Briefings

- 1) Commission Member Kahn visited with Regional Branch Operations Manager Diane Palan, who is now located at the Little Walnut Branch, about staff relocations.
- 2) Chair Wise attended a meeting of the Austin Public Library Friends Foundation. She met the fundraising consultant for the New Central Library.
- 3) Chair Wise, Commission Member Price Todd and Commission Member Kahn attended a presentation by Christian Moeller, the artist who has been selected to create a piece for the New Central Library.

**6. Staff Briefings**

- a. Facilities Update: See Director's Report

**7. Announcements: None**

**8. Future Agenda Items:**

- a. Adoption of 2014 Goals

**Adjourn:** Chair Wise adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m. without objection.