



**THE LIBRARY COMMISSION
MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING
24, February, 2014**

The Library Commission convened in a Regular Meeting on Monday, February 24, 2014 at the North Village Branch, 2505 Steck Ave. 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, and Lynn Wiggins

Staff in Attendance: 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 January 27, 2014 Regular Meeting

The minutes from the meeting of January 27, 2014 were approved with the following amendment on Board Member Ornelas' motion, Board Member Kahn's second on a 5-0 vote. Board Member Price Todd absent. The amendment was: page 2, d. Branch Liaison Briefings, add 4) Commission Member Wiggins visited the Carver Branch. 5) Commission Member Kahn visited the Yarborough Branch.

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

3. Old Business

a. Adoption of 2014 Commission Goals

- 1) Learn which Libraries will be in each of the new City Council districts starting in January 2015.
- 2) Make liaison visits to their assigned Libraries each quarter. The visits can be with Library staff, observational, or include participation in Library activities.
- 3) 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.
- 4) Be prepared to answer questions about or give informational talks about the New Central Library.

The 2014 Commission Goals were approved on Board Member Dabbert's motion, Board Member Ornelas' second on a 5-0 vote. Board Member Price Todd absent.

b. Commission vacancy

Sharon Herfurth reported that a new commissioner hasn't yet been appointed. Chair Wise will follow up with Councilman Riley's office.

4. New Business

- a. Branch liaison assignments
This item was postponed until a new Library Commissioner is added.
 - b. Annual Internal Review Report – due March 31
Chair Wise prepared a draft of the Annual Internal Review Report. Last year's goals will be added to the Report, it will be submitted to the City Clerk's office.
 - c. Boards and Commissions Transition Task Force Feedback – due February 28
Chair Wise gathered responses to the Transition Task Force's questions. She will submit the responses to the Task Force.
 - d. Branch Liaison Briefings
 - 1) Chair Wise attended a concert by Vellamo, a Finnish folk duo, at the Yarborough Branch. She also attended the Austin Public Library Friends Foundation meeting.
 - 2) Vice Chair Dabbert visited Recycled Reads to donate books. Commissioner Ornelas visited Recycled Reads to see the centerpieces that were being created for an Austin Energy staff luncheon.
- 5. Staff Briefings**
- a. Facilities Update: See Director's Report
- 6. Announcements**
- a. Vice Chair Dabbert announced that SXSWedu Education Expo is scheduled for March 3-6, 2014, 2-8 p.m., at the Austin Convention Center. Admission is free.
- 7. Future Agenda Items:**
- a. Cancellation of May 2014 regular meeting

Adjourn: Chair Wise adjourned the meeting at 7:10 p.m. without objection.