



**THE LIBRARY COMMISSION
MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING
28, September, 2016**

The Library Commission convened in a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, September 28, 2016 at the Pleasant Hill Branch, 211 E. William Cannon Dr. in Austin, Texas.

Chair Patricia Dabbert called the Board Meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

Board Members in Attendance: Chair Patricia Dabbert, Vice Chair Chad Williams, Commission Members Aimee Finney, Cindy Fisher, Emily Hersh, Scott MacLeod, Steven Self, and Wendy Price Todd

Board Members Absent: Commission Members Roxanne Bogucka and Lynne Wiggins

Staff in Attendance: Toni Lambert, Assistant Director for Public Services; John Gillum, Facilities Process Manager, and Sharon Herfurth, Library Division Manager

- 1. Citizen Communication:** David Todd spoke to encourage collaboration between Austin Public Library and the Briscoe Center for American History for exhibits and programs.
- 2. District 2 Council Member Delia Garza Remarks:** Council Member Garza presented a demographic and economic profile of District 2 and talked about the importance of libraries.
- 2. Approval of Minutes from August 24, 2016 Regular Meeting**

The minutes from the meeting of August 24, 2016 were approved on Vice Chair Williams' motion, Commission Member Hersh's second on an 8-0 vote. Commission members Bogucka and Wiggins absent.
- 3. Presentation: My Library Keeps Me Healthy Grant Year Two**

Sharon Herfurth and Karen Baker, Library Division Managers; and Mary Bell, Social Work Practicum Student gave an overview of the mental and behavioral health emphasis in year two of the My Library Keeps Me Healthy. Mary gave examples of clients who have already been helped through the grant programs.
- 4. Old Business:**
 - a. Discussion of creating a Library Commission public group in Outlook**

Creation of a group is pending until more information from the Office of the City Clerk is received
 - b. Library Commission Tour of New Central Library**

Commissioners will tour the New Central Library on Tuesday, October 4, starting at 3 PM.

5. **New Business:** none

6. **Branch Liaison Briefings:**

Emily Hersh reported that the youth librarian at Little Walnut tabled at Lanier High School. She also reported on activities of the AISD/APL committee that is working on an APL library card campaign for AISD students.

7. **Questions about Director's Report:**

John Gillum, Facilities Process Manager answered questions about a security incident at the North Village Branch, CIP projects that were funded for FY17, and the proposed fence for the Austin History Center.

8. **Announcements:**

The Texas Book Festival (TBF) will be held November 5-6. Austin Public Library will host a TBF event at the Terrazas Branch as part of the Lit Crawl. The Austin Public Library Foundation annual gala, Illumine, will be held November 11 at the W Hotel.

9. **Future Agenda Items:** Discussion of a library presence at the airport

Adjourn: Chair Dabbert adjourned the meeting at 7:50 p.m. without objection.