



**THE LIBRARY COMMISSION
MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING
24 February, 2020**

The Library Commission convened in a Regular Meeting on Monday, February 24, 2020 at the North Village Branch, 2505 Steck Ave, in Austin, Texas.

Chair Hanna called the Board Meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Board Members in Attendance: Chair Catherine Hanna, Commission Members Julia Aguilar, Patricia Dabbert, JC Dwyer, Daniella Ramos, Steven Self and Chad Williams

Board Members Absent: Commission Member Deborah Pardo-Kaplan

Staff in Attendance: Roosevelt Weeks, Director of Libraries, Dana McBee, Assistant Director for Support Services, John Daniels, Facilities Planning Manager; Sharon Herfurth, Division Manager, Office of Programs & Partnerships; Emi Johnson, Business Process Consultant; Wendy Harrison, Financial Manager; Pamela Bowles, Division Manager, Branch Service; and Joe Faulk, Director of Technology

Citizen Communication: Carlos León spoke about the 2020 census.

- 1. Welcome and Introduction of North Village Branch Manager.** Branch Manager Michael Abramov gave an overview of services and programs at the North Village Branch.
- 2. Approval of Minutes from the January 27, 2020 Regular Meeting:**
Carlos León spoke. The minutes of the regular meeting were approved on Commission Member Williams' motion and Commission Member Dabbert's second on a 7-0 vote. Commission Member Pardo-Kaplan absent.
- 3. Briefing: FY1 Budget Process.** Wendy Harrison, Financial Manager gave the briefing..
- 4. Old Business**
 - a. Update on status of implementing revised Youth Policies. Discussion of Austin Youth Council, Dr. Chiquita Eugene. Discussion and possible action on youth participation on Library Commission.
Carlos León spoke. Dr. Eugene was unable to attend and will be invited to a future Library Commission meeting.

b. Discussion and possible action on a Fine Free Libraries Working Group Recommendation
Carlos León spoke. Chair Hanna gave the working group report. At a future meeting, the group will present a draft recommendation to eliminate library fines. A draft recommendation proposing the elimination of non-resident library card fees for the Austin Extraterritorial Jurisdiction (ETJ) may also be presented.

5. New Business:

a. Election of Vice Chair to fill vacancy

Carlos León spoke. Commission Member Dabbert nominated Commission Member Self with a second by Commission Member Ramos. Having no other nominations, Steven Self was elected Vice Chair on a 7-0 vote. Commission Member Pardo-Kaplan absent.

6. Discussion of Director's Monthly Report for February 2020 covering programming highlights, facilities, and APL Priorities:

Carlos León spoke. Director Weeks reported on the Growing Your Roots African American Genealogy Conference and Staff Development Day. Questions were asked about Cloud Library, the upcoming ECO Day fair, and the status of renovations at the Faulk building.

7. Discussion of commissioner visits to branch libraries:

Chair Hanna attended the Library Foundation's program with author Carmen Maria Machado. Commissioner Self praised the Testament Project photo exhibit and reported that the Gay Men's Chorus found the APL staff very easy to work with in planning their cabaret night at the Central Library Event Center. Commission Ramos talked about a visit from the bookmobile to her school and says that the librarians at McBee and Odom Elementary schools would also like bookmobile visits.

8. Future Agenda Items:

FY21 Library Forecast Budget Briefing

Fine Free Libraries Working Group budget recommendations

Briefing on Library's role in disaster planning for the City of Austin

Adjourn: Chair Hanna adjourned the meeting at 7:49 p.m. without objection.