

CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE, OLD TOWN PORTAL MARKET ADVISORY BOARD July 20, 2016 - Minutes

Board Members: Denise Pepin, Stella Naranjo, Lisa Carrillo, Alex Nunnally, Betty Panos Citizens: Loyce Arnall, Genevieve Funston, Christine Hales, Ramona Tafoya City Represented by: James S. de Champlon

Denise Pepin established that there was a quorum and called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

Alex Nunnally motioned to approve the Agenda; the motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

Alex Nunnally motioned to approve the Minutes from the May 18, 2016, meeting. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

Portal Managers Report: As the enhanced Blanket Checks continue a recurring problem that has been noticed is the use of premanufactured centerpieces. James presented photographic examples to the Board asking for clarification on which items might be allowable and which items should not be allowed. There was a general consensus that premanufactured inlay pieces might be allowed if set into a handcrafted silver (or some item of comparable material and or workmanship) piece, when using premanufactured materials that are made of plastic or block the piece must be labeled "PLASTIC". There also seemed to be a consensus among board members that complex shape beads that are premanufactured may be used in handcrafted earrings when enhanced by other materials. The simple addition of findings does not qualify as enhancing. The possibility of allowing earring/necklace sets with smaller (less than ½ inch) complex shape beads such as crosses was discussed but met with no resolution.

Labeling Conventions: The Portal Manager introduced a card that could be used by artisan/vendors to assist in labeling with some of the key terms and other aspects of Portal labeling conventions. The card was well received by the Board and artisan/vendors in attendance and will be handed out at the Next lottery.

New Business: Concerns were raised about space 15 bay several vendors at the meeting, including the exposure to people stepping on product, security issues in being so remote from all of the other spaces, and the possibility of higher density traffic accessing the entrance to La Placita with the new sign going up over the entrance adjacent to space 15. The possibility of moving to a space closer in than 15, 14, or 13 as available was discussed. The Board asked that this issue along with a draft proposal be put on the agenda for the next Board meeting.

Denise Pepin brought up a problem related to the work being done on Central, cars are speeding down San Felipe St., not stopping at South Plaza St., and turning left on South Plaza St. from San Felipe St. heading in the wrong direction on the One Way street. She asked if It would be possible to put up temporary signage indicating in some way, Caution Pedestrian Zone, Slow Down, Stop, One Way.

Denise Pepin announced the meeting adjourned.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for September 21st.