



**CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE**  
**OLD TOWN PORTAL MARKET ADVISORY BOARD**  
**August 25, 2021 - Minutes**

Board Members: Ramona Tafoya, Charlene Kalbfell, Denise Pepin, Betty Panos  
Public: Susan Baca, Richard Baca, Lisa Carrillo  
City Representative: James de Champlon

Ramona established that there was a quorum and called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

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

Charlene motioned to amend the minutes from the July 21, 2021 Board meeting; the motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

Betty motioned to approve the Minutes with amendment from the July 21, 2021 Board meeting; the motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

**Portal Manager's Report:** The most recent news on the purchase of the La Placita Dining Rooms from a few weeks ago is that the purchase process is still in motion.

Regular sweeping with a broom prior to 9:00 a.m. or after 9:00 a.m. prior to any cloths being taped down seems to be working well. Vendors may use the mechanical, or Hospitality Broom at any time, and after some discussion there was a consensus among the Board members that other cleaning devices that are not motorized and do not involve a "sweeping" action, such as a Swifter broom, that picks up dust rather than sweeping it aside, should be allowed.

Recently vendors have been able to self-administer afternoon reassignments each half hour from 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., so far, the added flexibility of having multiple different times that vendors can take a space in the afternoon has proved helpful, and the self-administering aspect has also worked out well so far. After a brief discussion on reassignments in general it was determined that the Board should include this topic as a line item on an agenda for a subsequent Board meeting.

**Consideration over the allowance of premanufactured charms and pendants** in the production of handcrafted items to be sold on the Portal continuing discussion: To begin this discussion the Portal Manager read a summation from the two views on this issue from the November 20, 2019 Advisory Board Meeting.

One point of view here is that premanufactured pendants or charms are no different than other findings that that Portal Market craftspeople use such as special shaped beads, stone cabs, or silver findings that might be considered design elements, such as feathers.

Another point of view is that premanufactured pendants or charms should not be allowed in the construction of a handcrafted item because the executed design of such pendants and charms overwhelms the contributions that the craftsman might make to the final product, in other words premanufactured pendants and charms can not be included as simple design elements because they themselves become the absolute focal point of any piece that they might be incorporated into.

After a lengthy discussion the Board asked the Portal Manager to put together a survey to be sent out to the vendors requesting input on this topic, including arguments for or against either view. The input derived from this survey will be compiled and distributed to the Board prior to the next Board meeting.

**The next Board meeting will be held at 4 p.m. at the Old Town Police Substation at Rio Grande Blvd. and Central on October 13, 2021.**

**Meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.**