



CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE
OLD TOWN PORTAL MARKET ADVISORY BOARD

September 21, 2016 - Minutes

Board Members: Denise Pepin, Lisa Carrillo, Alex Nunnally, Betty Panos
Citizens: Marcelia Lee, 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 July 20, 2016 meeting, the motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

Portal Managers Report: The Board asked for a progress report on the appointment of the two Artisan/Vendor representatives that were recommended to the Mayor by the Artisan/Vendors. The two nominees have been forwarded to the Mayor's Office and we are awaiting confirmation by the Mayor.

The APD has offered to do a presentation for the Portal Market Artisan/Vendors on Personal Safety in Public Places, Safety on the Road, Safety at Home, How to Report a Crime, and Being a Good Witness. The Board agreed that this could be beneficial for the Artisan/Vendors and recommended a 15 minute presentation at 8 a.m. during one of the lotteries in October or November be arranged.

Space 15 – 14 – 13 Security Shift: This discussion is inspired by vendors that have reported not feeling secure on space 15 especially when there are multiple empty spaces between them and the next occupied space (as happens occasionally during the Winter months). At the July 20, 2016 Board meeting, the Board asked the Portal Market Manager to develop wording for a rule that might be used to allow Artisan/Vendors that have been assigned to one of the outlying spaces (15,14,13) the choice of moving to a more secure location if available.

Lisa motioned that the following rule be recommended for implementation on a trial basis, to then be reviewed at the March 15, 2017 Board meeting: *In the interest of security, after the 9:30 a.m. reassignment if there are any empty spaces from space 1 to space 14, the artisan/vendor assigned to space 15 may choose to move to the lowest number available space that is empty. Subsequently the artisan/vendors in spaces 14 and 13 shall be offered the same alternative (in that order).*

The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

The Use of Premanufactured Complex Shaped Beads as other than Centerpieces: This is an extension of a conversation that has been in process for several years. At issue here is maintaining the Ordinance mandated criteria of offering items that are **Handcrafted** by the Craft Group while not interfering artistic expression of the artisan/vendor:

HANDCRAFTED ITEMS. Those objects which are produced by the use of hands and hand tools, displaying a degree of manual skill or dexterity, and include, but are not limited to, beadwork, basketry, pottery, silver, turquoise and shell jewelry, handwoven cloth and blankets and objects made therefrom; leather goods and wood carving. Such items may be comprised of

new materials or machine-made parts or elements, provided that **no object which is primarily mass produced or machine-made shall be considered to be handcrafted.**

After some discussion the Board reached a general consensus:

Premanufactured special shaped beads (including but not limited pendant shaped beads and or beads representative of iconic symbols such as hearts, crosses, and animal shapes (beads that exhibit executed art/design work, other than general shaping not executed by the craft-person)) may only be used:

A. As a Centerpiece (the Focal Point of a piece) **after having been significantly altered by the Craft Unit.**

B. As a multiple of similarly shaped beads, two (2) or more similarly shaped beads where the overall piece has been enhanced with additional craft-work done by the Craft Unit.

This guideline is in effect as of now and will be open to some interpretation with the anticipation that it will be reviewed and possibly further refined at the next Portal Market Advisory Board meeting.

New Business: The Portal Manager was asked to look into how the Portal wall and sidewalk might best be maintained beyond the cleanings performed by the Portal Market artisan/vendors approximately twice a year.

Denise Pepin announced the meeting adjourned.