

CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE
OLD TOWN PORTAL MARKET ADVISORY BOARD.

August 21, 2024 Minutes

Board Members: Marilyn Moquino, Dagney Townsend, Sylvia Ramos Cruz, Dana Sherrill

City Representatives: Steven Pettingill

Public: Susan Baca, Christy Hale, Robert Long, Curtis Clary, Austin Long Jr., Marie Coleman, Ramona Tafoya, Adonica Gravengood.

A quorum was established. The meeting started at 4:00 p.m.

Minutes for February were approved.

Minutes for April were approved.

Minutes for June were not done yet due to difficulty doing February minutes. At the time Ramona didn't know she was doing February. Those were difficult due to the arguing between public. Was finally able to get them done by focusing on issues. Correction to the time the meeting ended from 5:00 to 4:57.

Discussion focused on the assignment and reassignment process by vendors. This is becoming an issue. The primary issue is having to show permits to the vendor doing reassignment. Showing permits was a policy established by the previous portal manager. Vendors would not have their permits for display as required. So he established this policy so if one did not have their permit they would not be allowed to take their space or participate in reassignment. The vendor who does reassignment the most stated that the city had instructed him to see permits. Vendors doing reassignment are not city employees. They do not have authority to prevent vendors taking their space or to participate in the reassignment process. Other issues are, mistakes are made. The person doing reassignment will not look at the permit of someone they don't like. It was also brought up that one of the city staff went down and they did not know how to do reassignment. Vendors had to show this person how to do it. So now we are also having to train city personal. This issue will require further discussion. The policy for now is, if it is city staff, you will need to show your permit to take your space and to participate in reassignment. If it is a vendor, just take your space but to participate in reassignment you will have to check in by showing your permit. Final note, there is no reassignment in the morning every hour or half hour like in afternoon.

Shade Shift Rule is an issue. The board eliminated this rule prior to the portal manager leaving over a year ago. The city has reinstated it without bringing it back to the board. This has lead to vendors taking whatever space they want even in front of city staff. Spaces are switched for a number of reasons having nothing to do with the shade. The city has now included this rule in their revised rules and regulations. This will require more discussion.

New regulations were passed out. They were filed today with the city clerk. Vendors should be required to read the regulations. They should have to sign something saying they have read them.

The property manager does not want vendors to use city chairs. One was used to vandalize the cafe. Cameras have been installed at space 15 and down by space 1. Some vendors are afraid of them. But they are on private property. The city has no say in their use. The code for the chairs was given to the chair of the board. She only gave it to one other person. The code needs to be changed and not given to anyone.

Slabs were briefly discussed. Samples were passed around. It has always been a policy that slabs need to be cut, shaped and drilled by the craft unit. Would it be ok to add to a slab already made? Not just wire. That is not enough. If anything is added it needs to be visually very different. They are a problem right now because vendors

are buying slabs and just putting them out. Any mosaic work needs to be done by the craft unit. A cab that was drilled was passed around. It is mentioned that one person is selling cabs without any silver work. This should not be allowed. Need to sell finished products.

Quality is affected without a portal manager. Vendors are just buying stuff and putting it out. The whole program is suffering because of that. It's not just one person. We need a portal manager to do studio visits. The city needs to know what is being put out. They don't know and they're not checking. People are afraid to complain even though it is confidential. We need a portal manager. Staff is too busy for our program. Things aren't getting done. They aren't checking if permits are on display. We need to get back to how stuff was done. If you miss 9:30 reassignment you just need to come back at 1:00. Everything is messed up. Marilyn is talking to Joaquin Baca with the goal of getting a portal manager and getting the program back to where it should be. This is our livelihood.

A suggestion is made to put all the numbers in for the lottery with the question being "would it be easier for the city?". It is suggested that it is a waste of time to have everyone put their number in. An immediate no is stated.

A motion is made to adjourn the meeting. Passed. Next meeting is October ~~19~~¹⁶, 2024.