



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

SPECIAL MEETING SANTA BARBARA ARTS AND CRAFTS SHOW ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Tuesday, May 27, 2014

Louise Lowry Davis Center
1232 De La Vina Street

Screen New Members: 6:15 – 6:30 p.m.
Violation Review Hearing: 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Meeting Minutes

CALL TO ORDER 6:19pm

SCREEN NEW MEMBERS

ROLL CALL

Committee

Dow Harris-Arts -present
John Rindlaub –Arts – present
Marilyn Dannehower –Crafts - present
Kevin Loughran –Crafts-unexcused absence

Staff

Jason Bryan - Senior Recreation Supervisor
Xochitl Camarena – Recreation Specialist
Parks & Recreation Commission Liaison
Chris Casebeer

1st Alternate Members

Tony Longo – Arts- excused absence

Member At Large - Open

2nd Alternate Members - Open

CHANGES TO AGENDA

PUBLIC COMMENT

NEW BUSINESS

1. Violation Review Hearing for Kaylin Fox

The process for the meeting was reviewed where staff will have up to 15 minutes to present, then Kaylin Fox will have up to 15 minutes to present, and then the board could ask questions before opening public comment where interested parties could have up to 5 minutes to make a statement.

Jason Bryan reviewed a written complaint dated April 27, 2014 alleging that Kaylin Fox claimed a space in the crafts section of the show before 5:45am in violation show rules. Mr. Bryan stated that when investigating the complaint, Ms. Fox stated she was present at 6:00am. Mr. Bryan presented substantial evidence including time-stamped photos and multiple witness statements indicating that Ms. Fox was not present at 6:00am; Ms. Fox later admitted not being present at 6:00am. Mr. Bryan recommended that the current violation case would not warrant expulsion as a penalty and that Ms. Kaylin has a right to appeal and penalty to the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Kaylin Fox addressed the committee and apologized for setting up earlier than 6:00am. Ms. Fox admitted to violating the space claiming rule. Ms. Fox stated that if she is not allowed to sell at the show it would affect her income and the means to pay for bills and rent. Ms. Fox stated that it is everyone's job to work as a team; she would like everyone to put themselves in her shoes as a new member at the Arts and Crafts Show. Ms. Fox stated that after speaking with Jason Bryan she has a better understanding of the rules. Ms. Fox stated that she has setup forty times since her last violation and is learning the rules more thoroughly. Ms. Fox would like the Advisory Committee to consider no more than one week of punishment. Ms. Fox would like to not lose attendance credits if she is suspended more than one week. Ms. Fox stated that April 27, 2014 was her first time trying to setup at 6am and admitted to chaining her chair and display before 6am because she was afraid she would lose it.

Leah Homem addressed the advisory committee stating that she was harassed and humiliated by Ms. Fox. Ms. Homem stated that she filed a complaint and expected a penalty from the previous violation hearing based on the egregiousness of that violation. Ms. Homem did not attend the previous violation hearing because she did not want to see Ms. Fox. Ms. Homem stated that she was approached by a client at the Arts and Crafts Show who told her that Ms. Fox spoke negatively about Ms. Homem. Ms. Homem stated that these incidents have not stopped. Ms. Homem asked Jason Bryan if she could get a private investigator. Ms. Homem stated that she takes that Arts & Crafts Show seriously; she stated she is concerned about her safety and enjoyment of the show. Ms. Homem stated she believes that the show needs to put a stop to Ms. Fox's negative attitude and that there needs to be accountability.

Charlotte Barnard addressed the committee with a prepared written statement.

Marilyn Loperfido addressed the committee stating that there are personality differences among artists. Ms. Loperfido stated that this violation is not for the same for the other two violations Ms. Fox received and does not believe violations should count for penalty consideration after one year.

Helen Heising stated that she was a sitting board member when Ms. Fox received her 1st violation and that because Leah Homem wasn't present for the 1st violation, the advisory committee let Ms. Fox go without a penalty. She also stated that if the advisory committee had been properly advised of the reason for Ms. Homem's absence, they would have probably given Ms. Fox a two week suspension at that time.

Doug McKenzie stated that there is no "double jeopardy" and that everyone is making statements about Ms. Fox's attitude 40 weeks ago. Doug McKenzie stated that comments at tonight's meeting are focused on the previous violations rather than the current violation. Mr. McKenzie has known Ms. Fox for four years and has always seen good character in her. Mr. McKenzie stated that Ms. Fox left her regular weekly job to pursue her dream of being a jewelry maker.

Ms. Dannehower addressed Mr. McKenzie by stating that they are considering the first two violations as part of a penalty in the current case.

Hana Kona stated that if there are so many people complaining about Kaylin, why are they not present at the violation hearing. Ms. Kona stated that this is a competitive business world.

Tom Siegel addressed the committee stating that Ms. Fox is damaging a place of business.

Ms. Barnard addressed the committee pointing out the ring Ms. Fox is wearing and that that is an example of what she is selling at the show. Ms. Barnard suggested that Ms. Fox is wearing a commercialized item that is not allowed according to the show rules.

Sylvie Terrell stated that Ms. Fox does not make the dominant appeal of her jewelry.

Kaylin Fox stated that she feels attacked by people who have a very similar jewelry.

Jill Scala, a professional development professor at Santa Barbara City College, addressed the committee stating that mentoring is needed to support fellow show members. Ms. Scala stated that people do not lose their job because of their attitude. Ms. Saola stated that Ms. Fox is in her early 20's trying to start a business. Ms. Scala stated that she would like to see the City and Parks & Recreation Department collaborate and support future entrepreneurs.

Phillip Evangelatos addressed the committee and stated that he can attest to what Kaylin Fox tells her clients at the show about her items being silver or gold wrapped. Mr. Evangelatos disputes that Ms. Fox says anything different to her clients because he has been at the show with her several times. Ms. Fox will try to get a better space assignment. However; this was the first time she tried to get a spot at 6am and Ms. Fox was unaware of the 6am rule. Mr. Evangelatos stated that this all escalated from another show member copying her jewelry. Mr. Evangelatos stated that he can attest that show members speak negatively about Ms. Fox.

Jennifer Siegel addressed the committee and stated that staff is not present at 6am. Ms. Siegel stated that Ms. Fox is aware of the rules and has witnessed items that are not approved on Ms. Fox's table.

Dow Harris stated that he witnessed Ms. Fox's negative behavior at the April 13, 2014 space assignment meeting. Mr. Harris made a recommendation to suspend Ms. Fox until the next space assignment meeting on July 13, 2014.

Ms. Dannehower is concerned that Ms. Fox does not understand what she has and has not been approved for and that is why she consistently has non-approved items for sale. Ms. Dannehower made the recommendation to have Ms. Fox re-screen all of her work to help her understand the rules of the show and prevent her from receiving future citations. Ms. Dannehower agrees with having Ms. Fox suspended until the next space assignment meeting and does not feel that Ms. Fox should get attendance credit.

Jason Bryan also suggested that Ms. Fox to re-screen at the next regular meeting to ensure she understands what is and is not acceptable for use of commercial materials in her products. Ms. Fox agreed to re-screen.

Jason Bryan stated that his recommendation for a penalty would be a suspension between two weeks to one month.

Dow Harris recommended six weeks suspension.

John Rindlaub recommended four weeks suspension.

M/S/C to suspend Ms. Fox from the show for six weeks.

ADJOURNMENT 7:50pm

Next Regular meeting:

**Louise Lowry Davis Center
Tuesday June 10, 2014**

**Santa Barbara Arts & Crafts Show
Artist Screening Results
May 27, 2014**

Last	First	Section	New Addition Rejoin	Description	Decision	Cautions
Heaton	Wyllis	Arts	New	Oil Paintings, Gouache paintings	3-0	
Pugliano	Lynn	Crafts	New	Jewelry, Scarves	0-3	Artist work was not dominant.
Shrestha	Karuna	Crafts	New	Jewelry	3-0	Metal work must be dominant.