SUNSHINE ORDINANCE TASK FORCE



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ORDER OF DETERMINATION March 8, 2016

DATE DECISION ISSUED: February 3, 2016

CASE TITLE – Ann Treboux V. San Francisco Arts Commission (File No. 15112)

FACTS OF THE CASE

On August 4, 2015, Ann Treboux (Complainant) made a complaint alleging that the San Francisco Arts Commission violated Administrative Code (Sunshine Ordinance), Section 67.29-6, by failing to disclose, on their website, the amount and source of any money, goods or services worth more than one hundred dollars in aggregate provided to the department for the purpose of carrying out or assisting any City function.

HEARING ON THE COMPLAINT

On December 15, 2015, the Compliance and Amendments Committee heard the matter.

Ann Treboux (Complainant) provided a summary of the complaint and requested the Committee to find violations. There were no speakers in support of the Complainant. Kate Patterson, San Francisco Arts Commission (Respondent), provided a summary of the department's position. Ms. Patterson stated that the Arts Commission is currently working with developers to create a new format for posting the required grant listing information online and welcomes any input from the Task Force. There were no speakers in support of the Respondent. A question and answer period occurred. The Complainant and the Respondent provided rebuttals.

Member Pilpel suggested that at a minimum the following information be included in the new webpage design for list grant/gift information: date, source, purpose, and amount. In addition, Member Pilpel suggested that a temporary document listing the required information be placed online until the new system is in place.

On February 3, 2016, the Task Force reviewed the recommendation of the Committee.

FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSION OF LAW

Based on the testimony and evidence presented, the Task Force finds that there was a violation of Administrative Code (Sunshine Ordinance), Section 67.29-6.

DECISION AND ORDER OF DETERMINATION

The Sunshine Ordinance Task Force accepts the recommendation of the Compliance and Amendments Committee and finds that the Task Force has jurisdiction and that the Arts Commission violated Administrative Code (Sunshine Ordinance), Section 67.29-6, by failing to disclose on their website, the amount and source of any money, goods or services worth more than one hundred dollars in aggregate provided to the department for the purpose of carrying out or assisting any City function.

This Order of Determination was adopted by the Sunshine Ordinance Task Force on July 1, 2015, by the following vote:

Ayes: 7 - Rumold, Eldon, Pilpel, Haines, Hinze, Hyland, Washburn Noes: 0 - None Absent: 3 – Wolf, Chopra, Fischer

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Allyson Washburn, Chair Sunshine Ordinance Task Force

c. Ann Treboux, Complainant Kate Patterson, San Francisco Arts Commission Tom DeCaigny, San Francisco Arts Commission