

An Open Letter to Mark Havens

Haley_Moore #45 April 25, 2022, 9:28pm

Back when he was on the provisional board, Mark used to keep a spreadsheet that assessed the “value” of every DMS member, including an “attitude” score. This kind of dweebery is his brand.

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Lampy #46 April 26, 2022, 1:52pm

I think I found it!

	A	B	C	D	E
1	Member ID	First Name	Last Name	Value	Attitude
2	73	Mark	Havens	Terminated	Poor

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kthompson395 #47 April 26, 2022, 8:27pm

Mark Havens’s attitude should be changed to “hopeless romantic” and you should change his name to “Punished Mark” to distinguish him from the other Marks.

I can’t confirm this and this is just an opinionated conjecture based on my personal life experiences that I am making in good faith, but I personally believe that he was obsessed with [@mrjimmy](#) and his harassment was actually the product of a closeted unrequited love. In my mind, there’s no way that one person makes that many hours of content about another person without being romantically obsessed with them.

It’s possible that Mark was pouring his heart out making video after video to get James’s attention so that he could convince him to run away together. But James, the cold bastard that he is, would not reciprocate. I would like to submit a complaint and a motion to ban James for the crime of heartbreak.

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MossAgate #48 April 27, 2022, 6:13am

please don’t let this man into any corporate leadership roles

dryad2b #49 April 27, 2022, 6:25am

Oh, we banned him a while back, and all the cutesy hand-written postcards in the world aren't reinstating him. What he does in some other makerspace endeavor has nothing to do with us, alas.

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MossAgate #50 April 27, 2022, 6:55am

Oh, yes I know he was banned haha. That was a dumb joke about overbearing corporate bosses 😊

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zacharymarkson #51 April 27, 2022, 11:36am

Out of curiosity, what was he actually banned for? I don't think I was a member when that happened

brsims #52 April 27, 2022, 12:38pm

Summaries are here:

Disciplinary Actions regarding Patel and Havens

The Board has met to consider the findings of two panels created to find if one recently filed complaint against Kevin Patel and three complaints against Mark Havens represented actual violations of DMS policy as well as what sanction is appropriate upon a finding of a violation. The minutes are located here:

[https://dallasmakerspace.org/w/index.php?](https://dallasmakerspace.org/w/index.php?title=Board_of_Directors_Meeting_20200715_Special_Meeting)

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zacharymarkson #53 April 27, 2022, 1:08pm

These doesn't actually say what he did. It just really says that he was removed, and process by which he was removed

brsims #54 April 27, 2022, 1:16pm

Disciplinary Actions regarding Patel and Havens

A more detailed written decision can be found here:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1gYmjRTNwdB8A0cBjrs3CzI6MXqStJlsY/view?usp=sharing>

(you will need to be logged in to a DMS account in g-suite to view)

That hyperlink goes to a Google doc (11 pages if I recall) that details exhaustively the actions and processes that led to Havens' removal. I wrote it at the time because rehashing the details is really hard to do- they are as complicated as they are stupid. There were 3 complaints for different things, one of which referenced a history of disciplinary issues going back to 2016 and before. It's a fun read, it was annoying to write.

Edit: grammar

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apparently_weird #55 April 27, 2022, 2:11pm

Unfortunately that's not entirely true. He still represents himself as "Principal Founder & Founding Director" of DMS currently on his LinkedIn page. He also threw a Dallas Makerspace Birthday Party with Kris Anderson back in February at The Hub Sports Bar and Grill.

I can only imagine the PR damage done.

brsims #56 April 27, 2022, 2:15pm

apparently_weird:

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Yeah I'm sure Mark, Kris, and the two other people who went to that were just *savage*... We may never recover.



ESmith split this topic #57 April 27, 2022, 6:23pm

5 posts were split to a new topic: [Makerspace real estate discussion](#)

apparently_weird #58 April 27, 2022, 2:21pm

Kris joined Acme. I assume Mark did as well. Haven't heard much after the fire, but the sign is still lit up outside on occasion.

[brsims](#) #59 April 27, 2022, 2:21pm

Makerspace real estate discussion

Mark and Kris and whoever else should start up their own Sour Grapeserspace and get back to making.



Even a cheap maker space needs to be not-on-fire to be useful... Apparently not the easiest thing for some folks.

5 Likes

[jswilson64](#) #60 April 27, 2022, 2:23pm

brsims:

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You're a glass-half-empty guy, I can tell. 🤔

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