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The Downtown Ventura Organization meeting of January 23, 2007 began at 8:15 a.m.

Members present: Jason Collis, Clarey Rudd, Mark Hartley, Christy Weir, Dan Frederickson, Glenda Lewis, Chris Bennett, Ed Warren, Greg Smith, Linda Peterson, Jack Carter and Seana Weaver.

Members absent: Jim Lutjohann, Keith Richardson and Jerry Breiner

Also present: Dave Armstrong, Jim Rice, Marilyn Hadley and Robin Elander.

Mark made a motion to approve the minutes of 1-9-2007. Greg seconded and motion passed

Clarey and Ed met with the representative of the Cultural Art Village with the list of questions that DVO board members had about the project. The representative would like to meet with the DVO board to discuss their plans. Group discussion.

DVO extension 501-C3 non -profit status report- Greg said an attorney has been hired to work on this issue. Greg will meet with the finance committee and come up with a 90 day budget for the DVO funds that are necessary until this matter is resolved.

Greg reported the National Main Street Conference is March 25- 28, 2007 in Seattle . DVO would like to send the new director to this conference.

Parking Committee - The next meeting will be Thursday at 9 a.m. at 89 So. California St. Dan gave the board a brief update of what the committee is working on. Christy said that Tom Mericle from Ventura Public Works will not be able to attend that meeting and Dan said it was important to schedule the meeting to have him present.

Clarey said there have been a number of burglaries of businesses downtown and tagging has occurred. Beat 5 has been canceled. Group discussion. DVO will ask the police department to give the board an update at the next meeting.

Jason handed out the ballots for the election of new DVO board of directors. Group discussion. The board of directors turned in their ballots. The results will be reported at the next meeting.

Other business - Seana and Ed are going to the meeting at Franky's Place tonight.