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The Downtown Ventura Organization meeting began at 9:05 a.m.

The Board of Directors are as follows: Jason Collis - Chairman, Clarey Rudd - Vice Chairman, Gregory Smith- Treasurer, Glenda Lewis - Secretary, Chris Bennett, Ed Warren, Jim Luttjohann, Christy Weir, Jerry Breiner, Seana Weaver, Jack Carter, Dan Frederickson, Mark Hartley, Rick Stewart and Zoe Taylor.

Committee Chairs: Organization Committee- Clarey Rudd, Finance Committee- Gregory Smith, Marketing Committee- Seana Weaver, D.O.T- Jerry Breiner

Advisory Board- Vic Georgino, Nick Deitch, Loretta Merewether, Gerhard Mayer, Dave Armstrong and Tom Wood.

Members present: Jim Luttjohann, Christy Weir, Jerry Breiner, Rick Stewart, Gregory Smith, Clarey Rudd, Seana Weaver, Glenda Lewis, Jack Carter and Jason Collis. Members absent: Ed Warren, Mark Hartley, Zoe Taylor, Chris Bennett and Dan Frederickson

Also present: Pat Miller, Ken Corney, Dave Armstrong, Jim Rice, Gerhard Mayer, Sid White, Linda Peterson and Jim De Arkland. Guest in attendance introduced themselves. Ventura police chief Pat Miller spoke to DVO about crime prevention in Ventura. The loss of beat 5, gang enforcement and police primary response time. Group discussion on public safety and what DVO can do to increase merchant and residents safety in Downtown. Chief Miller said communication in all areas within the community is the key factor to success in public safety.

Jerry gave an update on the parking committee. They are creating recommendations regarding: structures, meters. etc. Ron Calkins has been assigned to parking management task. Dave said the redevelopment agency has agreed to help in funding. Jerry also presented a diagram of the location in the parking structure the city wants to park the new sidewalk cleaner. The board felt there were other locations less visible to the public that would produce a better result. Jerry will get back to the City with that information.

Greg gave an update on the budget. There is a \$2600.00 balance and the DVO space rent has not been paid. The committee is still working on the 90 day budget and the 501-C3 status.

Seana gave an update on the marketing committee. Group discussion

Volunteers are needed to paint the conference room at 89 So. California St. Jerry will e-mail everyone a date and time. .

Sid asked the board what DVO's position is on the El Patio Hotel. Jason reported the results of inspections of the Peoples self help housing at the Santa Barbara and Carpinteria facilities. The organization committee questioned the type of client that would be housed in the facility. Group discussion. Jerry made a motion that DVO does not support the El Patio Hotel. Rick seconded. Motion passed. The survey of the homeless should be out soon and the board will contact Peter Brown, director of social services for an update and list of social services at the next DVO meeting. Jerry made a motion that DVO does not support conditional use permits for voucher, Jason seconded. Motion passed.

The downtown specific plan adoption and final EIR certification is February 20, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. at City hall. DVO members are encouraged to attend and let the City know that DVO does not support CUP's for voucher in downtown Ventura.

The next DVO Town Hall Meeting will be February 27, 2007 from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. The marketing committee will update the board on the details.

Greg made a motion to approve the Minutes of 1-23-2007. Christy seconded. Motion passed.

The interviews for the new DVO Director will begin tomorrow at the Earl Stanley Gardner building suite 204 at 9:00 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:10 a.m.