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The Downtown Ventura organization meeting began at 8:05 a.m. on September 12, 2006.

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

Also present: Sid White, David Wilson, Gerhard Mayer, Jim Rice and Dave Armstrong.

Ed made a motion to approve the minutes of 8-29-2006, Mark seconded and motion passed.

Christy gave the DVO board a City council update. The City Council meeting will be delayed to October 9, 2006.

Clarey said DVO has received the tax exempt status.

Retail Strategy Report- Dave Armstrong reviewed the recommendations of the simultaneous pursuit of the following: 1. California's new Art City, 2. convenient goods and services for nearby workers and downtown residents, 3. California's central coast Antiques Mart and surfing and outdoor recreation. Group discussion of the report.

The DOT meeting will be on 9-14-2006 at 8:30 at the police storefront. Tom Mericle will meet with DOT to go over parking, loading zones, etc. He will leave at 9:00. So come prepared with your questions.

New Business- Rent increase on the storefront. Chris is taking the lease to the attorney for review.

Clarey said Mission Without Borders (20 countries) has selected Ventura for their International meeting place.

Chris Velasco will give the (WAV) Working Artist Project update at the next DVO meeting.