

9/13/05

The first meeting of Downtown Ventura.org started at 8:05 am on September 13, 2005.

Members Present: Clarey Rudd, Glenda Lewis, Keith Richardson, Jason Collis, Jim Luttjohann, Greg Smith Jerry Breiner, Chris Bennett, Jack Carter, Ed Warren, Christy Weir and Linda Peterson.

Also Present: Robin Elander, Sid White, Saul Aguilar, Dina Pielat and Michael Kelly.

Members Absent: Seana Weaver, Dan Frederickson and Mark Hartley.

The Motion to approve the minutes of 8-30-05 was made by Christy and seconded by Clarey. Motion passed.

Chris gave us an update on the progress report on incorporating. She presented us with articles of incorporation drawn up by Tony Strauss.

Discussion of By-Laws - Christy said the group did not meet. She hopes to have the By-Laws draft in by October 11. Group discussion.

Parking- Group discussion regarding relocating Farmers Market and Sid encouraged us to all attend the meeting on September 19th at 7:00 p.m. in the City council chambers and voice our thoughts and opinions to make a difference.

Community Meeting - Christy made a motion to have the Downtown Community meeting at the Bridge on October 25, and the "Clean up Downtown" day October 29. Jim seconded and motion passed.

All of us will bring \$20.00 to the meeting on October 27 to pay \$250.00 for the use of the Bridge for that meeting.

Greg still needs all of our paper work to open a D.V.O. account.

Sid suggested a D.O.T. sub committee to incorporate under our umbrella. DVCC is dissolving and they would need to give us a list of their duties and volunteer work. Jim made a motion to invite the D.O.T. to join our organization second by Christy and the motion passed. We will ask for a list from D.V.C.C. members of their works and discuss it at the next meeting.

Clarey said by the October meeting we will have structure, direction, volunteers, and funds. We are making progress.

Group discussion on merchant contest, media from Life & Style was offered by Dina and she suggested soliciting contributors for planter boxes to downtown main street to improve downtown. Jason suggested we contact existing donor's. Dina will connect with Robin.

Next Board meeting September 27, 2005 at 8a.m.