

**12/5/06**

The Downtown Ventura Organization meeting began at 8:08 a.m. on December 5, 2006

Members present: Christy Weir, Dan Frederickson, Jerry Breiner, Chris Bennett, Greg Smith Seana Weaver, Ed Warren, Jason Collis, Jim Luttjohann, Glenda Lewis, Clarey Rudd and Linda Peterson.

Members absent: Jack Carter, Keith Richardson and Mark Hartley

Also present Gerhard Mayer, Dave Armstrong, Robin Elander, Emily Thompson, Irene Henry, Joe Smith, Lisa Koch and Peter Brown.

Christy made a motion to approve the minutes of 11-21-2006. Greg seconded. Motion passed.

Jerry presented the board with the DVO recommendations to Council regarding the draft of the Downtown Specific Plan. They will be presented at the meeting on December 11. Dan made a motion to approve the recommendations, Ed seconded and motion passed. Jerry encouraged all to attend that meeting.

Peter Brown community service manager from the city of Ventura spoke to the board regarding the Homeless Commission mental health meeting on December 11. He enlightened the board and provided names of sources and suggested how to be effective at this meeting. This is a 10 year program to end homelessness and will focus on the first 5 years of the plan. He encouraged the Board to attend and have an open mind.

IRS approval questionnaire- Dave will meet with Greg to get this out asap.

Chris requested that the By-laws committee meet to revise the by-laws - This was tabled until January 2007.

Window Decoration result- Seana reported everyone will get a prize. The Mayors Choice is Cherie Amour. DVOs choice for first second and third winners are: Cabinets Unlimited with a Touch of Glass, American Home Antiques and Vintage and Payan's Main Street Bakery.

A reminder: Ed's party is on December 10, 2006. Christy e-mailed the flyer to the board.

Director nomination update - Jason said we have applications from Robin Elander, Tyler Gilbert and Katherine Lee. None of the applicants have Main Street experience. Clarey suggested sending a package to the Main Street website and Dan suggested that e-mail would be a good direct avenue to reach potential candidates.

Glenda will not be at the next meeting to take the minutes.

The DVO board will walk over to the new police storefront space on California Street to view it after the meeting.