



Downtown Ventura Partners Board Meeting Minutes February 22, 2012

I. Call to Order & Introductions:

Chair David Armstrong called the meeting to order at 8:36 am.

DVP Directors present: Chair David Armstrong, Vice Chair David Comden, Greg Smith, Jeff Smith, Christy Weir, Cheryl Heitmann, Mike Merewether. **Quorum met**

Other attendees: Executive Director Kevin Clerici, Project Manager Meredith Dilg, Jerry Breiner (DVO), Lucas Johnston (DVO), Seana-Marie Sesma (DVO), Charnell Smith (DVO), Jeff Lambert (City of Ventura), Peter Brown (City of Ventura), Lilly Okamura (City of Ventura), Brian Brennan (Councilmember), Steve Bennett (County Supervisor), James Mason (City of Ventura), Corporal John Snowling, Commander Mark Stadler, Barbara Evans (Parking Advisory Board), Marcia Rhodes (Program Director, Road Scholar), Irene Cole (Downtown Resident), John Ashkar (Developer, Westwood Communities), Patricia Jump (Downtown Business and Property Owner), Martha Picciotti (Ventura Botanical Gardens), Doug Halter (Botanical Gardens), Jonell McLain.

II. Reports:

- a. Public Safety: County Supervisor Steve Bennett
- b. Police Report: Commander Mark Stadler and Corporal John Snowling
- c. Social Services: Community Development Dir. Jeff Lambert

III. Review & Approve October, November, December financials:

- a. October, November, and December financial approved. Motion was made by Mike Merewether, seconded by Cheryl Heitmann.
- b. January financials tabled, will have corrections made for next meeting.

IV. DVO/DVP Action Item:

- a. Approved invitation to John Ashkar to present housing proposal for former VUSD/Olson Site at the next Economic Restructuring meeting, on March 6. Motion made by Mike Merewether, seconded by David Comden. Cheryl Heitmann recused herself. Both DVP and DVO boards will be invited to the meeting, and the meeting place has been moved to 505 Polj, 5th floor conference room.

V. DVP Action Item:

- a. Approved priority capital enhancement projects for surplus funds, and instructed staff to prepare expense report and implementation plan. Priorities include lighting enhancements, new trash cans, and directional signage on Oak Street. Motion made by Jeff Smith, seconded by Christy Weir.

VI. Additional Reports:

- a. Freeway Capping: City Planner Lilly Okamura
- b. Executive Director Report: Kevin Clerici

- c. Clean and Safe Report: Kevin Clerici

VII. New Business

- a. DVP nomination report, including the 2012 ballot candidates. Mike Merewether, Doug Wood and John Ashkar are vying for two open property owner seats; Pat Jump and Mark Draganchuk are vying for one open business owner post. DVP elections ballot to be sent by mail to property owners listed in most current assessors' records, with ballots due by March 18, and new officers welcomed at March 28 board meeting.

VIII. Public Comment

- a. Marcia Rhodes of Road Scholars expressed concerns of vagrants, online reports of homeless people, outside Crowne Plaza.
- b. Botanical Gardens members urged support of summer concert series in upper parking lot behind City Hall. Gardens group receives a small stipend from each ticket sold.
- c. Friends of the Ventura River group to be invited to make presentation at March board meeting regarding plans for a river parkway in Ventura River.
- d. Newly hired Assistant City Manager James Mason introduction

Meeting Adjourned at 10:39 a.m.

Minutes Submitted by Kevin Clerici