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The meeting of Downtown Ventura.org started at 8:08 a.m. on October 11, 2005

Members Present: Clarey Rudd, Keith Richardson, Ed Warren, Jack Carter, Dan Frederickson, Mark Hartley, Greg Smith, Jim Luttjohann, Jerry Breiner, Linda Peterson, Chris Bennett and Glenda Lewis.

Members Absent: Seana Weaver, Christy Weir and Jason Collis. Also Present: Tammy White, Robin Elander, Sid White and David Wilson.

The motion to approve the minutes of 9-27-05 was made by Dan seconded by Ed- motion passed.

Report from the Finance Committee - Greg said D.V.O. will be setting up an office on Poli St in Marks building with donated furniture. They are working on a budget. \$ 200,000.00 is the target amount with the group raising \$100,000.00 and Christy will be working on approaching the City for additional funds. Dan made a motion to authorize a bank account to be opened at Mid State Bank Jack seconded - motion passed.

Organization Committee: no report

Promotion Committee- no report

Design Operation Committee- Jerry reported committee still working on the status of the storefront- group discussion. Dave is working on approaching new development for a storefront. Chief Miller will be at the meeting on October 25th. Rope lights were discussed- Dan suggested a photo cell instead of rope lights for the trees. Jerry will find out the cost of lights and maintenance for one year until we can come up with a better plan for the future downtown lighting. Kiosk and Planters were also discussed.

Group Discussion on The Town Meeting of October 25th at the Bridge Building 7-9 pm. Dave sent out post cards and Greg distributed a power point copy of the Main St Approach to the meeting to the group for review.

Dave informed us of the plan for Downtown Ventura Cleanup day at 7-10 a.m. on October 29th. It will be set up behind Bank of America on Main St and California St.

Clarey said the next meeting will focus on the Town Meeting of October 25th.

Rick Cole spoke to Clarey regarding representatives of D.V.O. accompanying Rick on a trip to San Luis in the near future.

Sid said they were working on a study for retail and office strategy for downtown. Dave said they were about ready to hire a staff person.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.