DVP BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING MINUTES

December 12, 2024, 9:00am
held in top floor meeting room
at Crowne Plaza Ventura Beach Hotel, 450 E. Harbor Blvd.

Call to Order. President Peter Goldenring called the meeting to order at 9:09am.
DVP Directors present: Goldenring, Josh Addison, Rick Stewart, Maria Fiore, Vince Daly, Yvonne Besvold, Erik Feingold, Emily DeArkland, Sky Sunner and Councilman Doug Halter. **Others**: E.D. Kevin Clerici, Asst. Police Chief Rick Murray, Deputy CM Brick Conners.

Approval of December Agenda. Motion by Goldenring, with minor changes to order. Passed with no objections**.**

Approval of October Meeting Minutes. Motion by Goldenring. Passed with no objections.

Ventura Police Department Report. Chief Murray shared November crime stats, which had few non-violent crimes, but he did share 2 major incidents: a late-night stabbing in the Mini Park across from Star Lounge. This involved two groups that were fighting, and victim was stabbed trying to intervene. The other incident involved a mentally ill Moorpark man who was arrested and brought to Ventura's main jail, then released. He ended up downtown, where just after dawn he hit and stabbed random individuals before he was arrested while trying to steal a car with a person's house keys. Separately, Murray said department is paying for late night foot patrols on Main, but he doubted it would have prevented the homicide because it happened so fast between two groups (Police have video of it). Police are advancing its mounted horseback units, which could start next year. This would go with increased bike patrols, as time allows.

City Manager Economic Team Report. CM Conners said staff and DVP are working on addressing parking issues, including campaign to encourage more use of Parkmobile app and repairs/upgrades to aging city system. City also continues to use its Ventura Connects app. Conners said City is just starting budget process for 2025 and acknowledged a desire to merge and update DVP's 2 services contracts. This could lead to expanded services and better reflect current challenges.

Finance Committee Report and Approval of October Financials and 2025 Operating Budget. Treasurer Besvold presented summary of October compilation and forecasted expenses. Besvold made motion to approve, 2nd by Addison. Passed unanimously. Separately, Finance Committee reviewed all October and November ancillary financial documents and contracts. After that vote, Besvold then presented 2025 budget, along with supplied materials. Highlights: 2025 budget aligns employee compensation/benefits with Insperity's market benchmarking. Adds services. Builds in flexibility to be able to address any priorities to come at anticipated Jan/Feb Board retreat. Motion by Doug Halter, 2nd by Rick Stewart. Passed unanimously.

Promenade Ad Hoc Group Report. Vince Daly provided summary of group's meeting on Dec. 10. City is expected to repair stairwell in 2025. Daly said group is drafting an advocacy letter to City to provide added patrols, restroom cleanliness, added lighting and a proactive effort to get the City to include funding (Measure O) for beach cleaning and general Promenade aesthetics. Daly to return with draft for full Board consideration at January meeting.

E.D. Committee Report. Chair Sunner said monthly committee meeting would move to 4th Tuesday of each month, beginning in January. All are welcome.

President's Report. With budget discussion running long, Goldenring kept things short. He shared that he is talking with a possible facilitator for DVP's Board retreat in early 2025. He's also been researching best practices and governance for improvement districts.

Executive Director's Report. Monthly written report included with Agenda packet. Successful recent public events including annual Findings Market Street Fair, Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony, FOOD Share's CAN-Tree display and Winter Wine Walk on Dec. 7. All staff evaluations were completed. Holiday decorations in place. No vacant staff positions. ED continues to work with City parking staff to address broken pay stations, parking system. Board members Goldenring and Addison working with ED on parking issues.

Closed Session: Board entered closed session to discuss director's annual performance and compensation in 2025. No reportable action. Board to schedule a closed session in January to consider any changes.

No Council Liaison Report.
No DVO Report.

Public Comments. None.

Meeting adjourned at 11:26am.

Minutes prepared by Kevin Clerici