



DVP BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Board Meeting Minutes, Feb. 26, 2020

1. Call to Order & Introductions

a) President David Armstrong called the meeting to order at 8:37am in the Anacapa board room at Crowne Plaza Ventura Beach Hotel.

b) DVP Directors Present: Armstrong, Yvonne Besvold, David Comden, Emily DeArkland, Debbie Fox, Mark Hartley, Mike Merewether, Jeff Smith, Christy Weir, Doug Wood. Quorum met.

Others: Executive Director Kevin Clerici, Activation Manager Julie Henszey, Asst Police Chief Darin Schindler, Police Cmdr. Sam Arroyo, Cary Glenn (City of Ventura ED office), Danny Quintana (GM of Crowne Plaza Hotel), Barbara Evans, Seana-Marie Sesma, Angela Rodriguez, Cheryl Heitmann (City Council), Nick Deitch and Andrew Garl (Mainstreet Architects), Jeb Koerner (developer).

2. Approval of January Minutes:

a) Motion made by Christy Weir, seconded by Debbie Fox. Passed unanimously.

3. Old Business: None.

4. January Financials: Continued to March.

5. DVP Action Items:

a) Doug Wood's board seat declared vacant. Motion made by Debbie Fox, seconded by Jeff Smith. Passed unanimously.

b) Board directed Board Nominating Committee to return in March with appointment recommendation to fill final year of the now-vacant term to 2021. Motion made by Christy Weir, seconded by Mike Merewether. Passed unanimously. Crowne Plaza GM Danny Quintana stated his interest in the appointment and was asked to provide a brief bio to the Committee.

c) Approved 2020 DVP Board of Directors Ballot & Elections, including self-nominations and David Comden to Property Owner candidate list. Motion made by Christy Weir, seconded by Mark Hartley. Passed unanimously. Comden abstained.

d) Instructed ED to return in March with proposals for a full audit and a review of 2019 financials, with costs and scope for both, for Board to consider.

6. Reports:

a) ED Clerici and AM Henszey presented 2020 Strategic Updates, including slideshow on various updates and projects. Copies of slideshow available for review. A letter of support to the City for a new lighted intersection at Fir & Main was recommended.

b) Police Report. Chief Schindler provided 2019 crime stats, stating overall crime was down 14 percent from 2018 stats. Property crimes continue to be biggest issue. He pointed to many thefts being result of people stealing to feed drug problem. Schindler said 5 new positions are coming, including additional officer to PTF to bring total to 8 personnel. Cmdr. Arroyo praised Park Ambassadors for their work, presence and collaborative efforts to PD.

c) City Report. Cary Glenn reported recruitment for new Police Chief has closed, with interviews beginning soon. The year-round ARCH homeless navigation shelter is seeking volunteers. The Trade Desk has started construction on 4th and 5th floors of 505 building, anticipate occupying space in late April/early May. ESPN expected to announce new city for X Games, with Ventura among the finalists, for event in July 2021. ESPN seeking a 3-year deal. Matrix report on City's development review process going to City Council in early March. City budget process is underway. The City was approached by international Cavalia group about possible light show in town. They need substantial space of around 50 acres to house the installation.

7. Public Comment:

a) Mainstreet Architects' Andrew Garl presented housing proposal for 110 apartments within a multistory complex, with stacked parking and rooftop lounge, at corner of Thompson Blvd & Figueroa Street (former Meta Motel site). Developer Jeb Koerner, who is based in Portland but from Ventura, also spoke and answered questions. A copy of plans are available.

Meeting adjourned at 10:52am.

Minutes prepared by Kevin Clerici