



DVP BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES

May 27, 2021, 8:30am in the Bayview Room
atop the Crowne Plaza Ventura Beach Hotel

Call to Order. President David Armstrong called the meeting to order at 8:34am.

DVP Directors present: Armstrong, Mark Hartley, Emily DeArkland, Debbie Fox, Kelsey Jonker, Danny Quintana, Eddie Melendez, Whitney Riles, David Comden, Yvonne Besvold and City Councilman Joe Schroeder. Others: E.D. Kevin Clerici, Police Cmdr. Darrick Brunk, Cprl. Billy Griffin, Off. Jacob Maulhardt.

April Minutes. Motion by Debbie Fox, 2nd by Mark Hartley. Passed unanimously.

April Financials. Motion by Yvonne Besvold, 2nd by David Comden. Treasurer Besvold provided overview of April compilation, year-to-date revenues, and expenditures. Finance Committee met and recommended approval.

Police Report. Cmdr. Brunk introduced Corporal Griffin and Officer Maulhardt, members of the Dept.'s Patrol Task Force. The trio shared updates, including that the East County booking facility is closed due to Covid and the re-establishment of a department graffiti unit, which Maulhardt is a member of. Graffiti vandalism has increased in recent weeks and is an issue citywide.

ED Strategic Updates. Director Clerici provided updates on Main Street Moves street closure, including coming change from Orange to Yellow Tier and the Governor's announcement that the tiers would be eliminated on June 15. The state plans to update statewide mask rules on the 15th to match a recent CDC change that allows those vaccinated to remove masks outdoors. This will impact current signage inside MSM. Live music also will return after June 15. And the City is indicating it will allow special event applications to be submitted after the 15th. Currently, no applications are allowed. The Findings Market open air market will be held on South Oak Street on June 19. This is a DVP sponsored event. Construction on 3 new restaurants continues: a café on South Oak Street, The Six Chowhouse and Stout Burger. A new retailer – EclerTeak -- has filled the space next to Peirano's.

Sargent Town Planning is under contract and is expected to share their initial conceptual designs in coming weeks. Board agreed to hold a special meeting in June for STP to present their designs. City also is slated to hire STP for conceptual designs, as well as outdoor dining analysis, guidelines and feasibility. Now looking to bring contract to City Council on June 7 or June 14.

The City's General Plan consultant team has asked DVP to provide feedback. President Armstrong prepared a draft letter on behalf of the Board that touches on 5 priorities – Consistency to the Downtown Specific Plan; history & character; circulation; parking; and economic development. Board has deadline of June 2 to provide additional feedback before letter is submitted.

Action item: Board directed President and E.D. to explore possibility of DVP contracting with the City for parking management services but first would ensure appropriate DVP staffing in place before taking on new responsibilities. City staffing that currently handles repairs on parking meters is in flux and both DVP and Police Dept officials have been advocating for system improvements. Motion by Debbie Fox, 2nd by Mark Hartley. Passed unanimously. Joe Schroeder abstained.

No City Report

No Public Comments.

Meeting adjourned at 10:24am.

Minutes prepared by Kevin Clerici