



# DVP BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES

Oct 28, 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 8:42am.

DVP Directors present: Armstrong, Mark Hartley, Debbie Fox, Kelsey Jonker, David Comden, Whitney Riles, Yvonne Besvold, Danny Quintana. Others: E.D. Kevin Clerici, Cheryl Heitmann (DVO) and City consultant Tim Gallagher (City Active Transportation Plan).

**Minutes.** Continued to next month.

**June Financials.** Continued to next month.

**ED Strategic Updates and Main Street Moves.** Director Clerici provided updates on Main Street Moves street closure and coming City Council meeting on Nov. 8 where a formal action item will take place. Board had a lengthy and robust conversation on MSM, culminating in a decision to send a formal letter to City Council and staff expressing DVP's view. This will include:

- DVP's appreciation of both the City Council and staff's willingness to consider a long-term, pedestrian-oriented alternative that continues the excitement and momentum of our joint Main Street Moves (MSM) program.
- DVP favors staff's recommendation of Design Option 1.
- After extensive downtown stakeholder and community-wide outreach, the enthusiasm for making Main Street in downtown a pedestrian zone 7 days a week was overwhelming. Our concern continues to be the timeline.
- DVP believes it is critical to have a seamless transition between the current MSM under the temporary permit and the long-term solution.
- DVP opposes Option 2, as this approach would allow opening Main Street to through traffic sometimes and pedestrian-only at other times until all approvals are in place. With the multiple outside studies and the uncertainties of these processes with an outside agency such as the Coastal Commission, DVP is concerned that this may end up being a significantly longer process than is anticipated.
- DVP urges use of the Pedestrian Mall Law of 1960, pending advice from the City's legal counsel. As part of the state Streets & Highways Code, it lays out a very specific process and timeline for closing a street to traffic. We believe that the community's goals could be accomplished within the timeframe of a permit extension and create a minimally disruptive transition if pursued aggressively.

**City Active Transportation Plan.** Tim Gallagher provided an overview of the City's current effort to update its Active Transportation Plan. Gallagher is presenting to all Community Councils. Received Board input. Left flyer. City Council will further discuss the transit plan in 2022.

**Nov/Dec Board meeting:** Board members traditionally agree to cancel November meeting because it falls on Thanksgiving and then hold an early Dec Board meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday in December, which is Dec. 9.

**No Public Comments.**

Meeting adjourned at 10:22am.

Minutes prepared by Kevin Clerici