



# DVP BOARD OF DIRECTORS

## Special Meeting Minutes

June 28, 2022, 4pm-6:30pm  
Crowne Plaza Ventura Beach board room

**Call to Order.** President David Armstrong called the meeting to order at 4:11pm.  
DVP Directors present: Armstrong, Yvonne Besvold, Emily DeArkland, Debbie Fox, Kelsey Jonker, Whitney Riles, Danny Quintana, Eddie Melendez, Hutton Becker. Others: E.D. Kevin Clerici, DVO Board member Cheryl Heitmann.

**Public comment.** None.

### **Approval of MSM Temporary Business Expansion Special Event Permit.**

Board instructed ED/President to work with hired attorney to strengthen indemnification section and finalize the 2-year permit, which will list DVO as the organization on record. Formal vote was tabled. ED/President instructed to work with staff and attorney to finalize permit, which would be circulated to full Board by email.

### **Discussion of positions and priorities related to on ongoing citywide General Plan update, Downtown Specific Plan, Local Coastal Program, Housing Element and/or other critical City governing plans.**

Lengthy discussion. The Board discussed current information being provided at GPAC community meetings, as well as information provided by Community Development Director Gilli at previous meeting, including pressures on City to add housing citywide and pending land use alternatives. President Armstrong provided detailed explanation of state law, current processes, and significance of these City regulatory and visioning plans. Downtown is being looked at for added heights and intensified density to meet state-mandated housing goals. Board consensus emerged to advocate for continuation of Downtown Specific Plan, preservation of historic buildings, strengthen language for adaptive reuse and preference for maximum building heights at current 4-5 stories. DVP should take a leadership role. Downtown is adding housing and will continue to do so but maintaining downtown's unique character will be critical.

**Adjourn.** Meeting adjourned at 6:28pm.

**Next Regular Meeting is July 28, 2022**