

DVP BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES

May 25, 2023, 8:30am in the Anacapa conference room
on the first floor at Crowne Plaza Ventura Beach Hotel

Call to Order. Vice President Erik Feingold called the meeting to order at 8:37am.

DVP Directors present: Feingold, Hutton Becker, Kelsey Jonker, Emily DeArkland (via Zoom), Brandon Ristaino, Debbie Fox, Yvonne Besvold, Councilman Doug Halter. Others: E.D. Kevin Clerici, Alex Reyes, Peter Goldenring, Police Cmdr. Matt Cain, Christy Weir (DVO) and Jim Cogan (MSM Coordinator).

Approval of April Meeting Minutes. Motion made by Debbie Fox, 2nd by Brandon Ristaino. Passed unanimously.

Approval of March & April Financials. ED Clerici shared April Forecast with actuals, pointed to coming legal bills, answered questions on current accounting costs. Audit in-office visit to occur on June 1. Motion to approve made by Debbie Fox, 2nd by Doug Halter. Passed unanimously.

Public Comments. No public comments.

Police report. Cmdr. Cain shared recent police stats (lower totals in April than previous months) and shared that Police is shifting to new crime reporting software, which will track crime stats in more detail. Overall, things have been calm downtown with PTF at full staffing and some overnight patrols in place on Fri and Sat.

Main Street Moves update. Jim Cogan discussed draft design guidelines, which should be ready for staff review in late June and presentation to DVP in July. Cogan also shared sales tax figures for MSM area, showing growth through the pandemic and recovery. Cogan answered questions about ongoing environmental reviews, sales tax and other metrics and shared the importance of continued engagement and feedback with property and business owners and DVP input. Plan to return in July.

Election update. Re-run election ballots have been produced, mailed and have started to be returned. Some ballots have returned deficient. Staff is making an effort to contact those owners and give them an opportunity to re-submit a corrected ballot by the June 9 deadline. FCOP will tally ballots and winners to join the Board at June 22 meeting.

Parking update. ED Clerici presented summary of City Council's final workshop. The Council voted unanimously in favor of the development of the parking garage at Palm and Santa Clara Streets, as part of a wide ranging and extensive motion. Other elements of the motion, included looking at building a "21st Century" garage, pre-wired on each floor for future electric charging options, solar panels and a possible green roof; implementing the Parking Authority; expanding the managed approach/pay stations to the surface lots between Poli and Santa Clara Streets (with change likely going into effect in 2024); instructing staff to meet with Coastal Commission staff about the possible replacement or redevelopment of the Harbor Blvd parking garage and to return to the full Council with updates on the garage, with possible actions/updated costs, at it Oct. 22 meeting. Council also directed staff to look at any possible State or Federal dollars that could offset costs at the Harbor Blvd. garage. The temporary fencing around the elevator at the Harbor garage could come down in June.

Requested Board items for June meeting. Board supported a position statement on Strawberry Festival returning in 2024 and the formation of Board Committees once the re-run election is completed.

Meeting adjourned at 10:33am.

Minutes prepared by Kevin Clerici