

DVP BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES

July 22, 2023, 8:30am in the Anacapa conference room
on the first floor at Crowne Plaza Ventura Beach Hotel

Call to Order. Vice President Kelsey Jonker called the meeting to order at 8:41am.

DVP Directors present: Kelsey Jonker, Hutton Becker, Emily DeArkland (via Zoom), Peter Goldenring, Brandon Ristaino (via Zoom), Yvonne Besvold, Councilman Doug Halter. Others: E.D. Kevin Clerici, Alex Reyes, Asst. Police Chief David Dickey, Police Cmdr. Matt Cain and Cheryl Heitmann (DVO).

Approval of June Meeting Minutes. Motion made by Hutton Becker, 2nd by Peter Goldenring. Passed unanimously.

Approval of June Financials. ED Clerici shared June Forecast with actuals. Treasurer Besvold provided summary of completed audit, which found no material problems. Finance Committee reviewed and approved ancillary financial documents and contracts. Motion to approve made by Peter Goldenring, 2nd by Hutton Becker. Passed unanimously.

Public Comments. No public comments.

Police report. Chief Dickey and Cmdr. Cain shared recent police stats. Overall, things have been calm downtown. PTF now at full staffing with 7 days coverage. No major incidents with X Games, and traffic control measures were effective. Strawberry Festival to be encouraged to follow same measures. Police to enforce new bike prohibition rules inside MSM footprint with new ordinance taking effect Aug. 28. New signage to be installed by Aug. 1.

MSM Committee update: Chair Goldenring provided summary of in-person meeting with City officials. Committee in process of collecting and acquiring information, including copy of draft design guidelines, scoping and alternative for EIR (if necessary), tax information, foot traffic, permits, etc. Committee's plan is to hold a series of in-person meetings in September with DVP invited stakeholders on a block-by-block basis to share information, collect feedback and work toward a consensus.

Board took no action on Board vacancies.

Board agreed to hold August meeting.

Board postponed a decision on possible Retreat date.

Staff update. ED Clerici provided brief comments. X Games and Downtown Skate Jam were successful. Ventura County Fair returns on Aug. 2-13. MSM draft design guidelines should be ready for review by Committee in August. Working to address accessibility concerns along public sidewalk. Audit completed and to be fully paid in August. DVP to submit the 2024 PBID Assessments to the County in August; recently adopted by City Council. Expanded Park Ambassador contract now in place (increased 5%). Current DVP staffing is strong. Ventura County Pride to be held at Plaza Park on Aug. 18, Cool Breeze Century ride to start/finish at Mission Park also that day. ArtWalk Ventura to return as 2-day festival on Sept. 23-24. DVP assisting with logistics.

No City report.

No DVO report.

Meeting adjourned at 10:04am.

Minutes prepared by Kevin Clerici