

DVP BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

January 25, 2024, 9:00am
held in top floor meeting room
at Crowne Plaza Ventura Beach Hotel, 450 E. Harbor Blvd.

Call to Order. President Erik Feingold called the meeting to order at 9:01am.

DVP Directors present: Feingold, Kelsey Jonker, Hutton Becker, Emily DeArkland, Peter Goldenring and Danny Quintana. Others: E.D. Kevin Clerici, Cheryl Heitmann (DVO), Asst. Police Chief Rick Murray.

Approval of December Meeting Minutes. Motion made by Peter Goldenring, 2nd by Emily DeArkland. Passed unanimously.

Approval of December Financials. ED Clerici provided summary of December compilation and year-end cash forecast with actuals through Dec. 31. Separately, Finance Committee reviewed December ancillary financial documents and contracts. There was discussion on audit conducted in 2023 and possibility of another one in 2024 or waiting a year. With Treasurer Besvold unable to attend, it was decided to postpone approval of Dec compilation to February meeting, where audit discussion also could occur.

Public Comments. None.

Police Report. Chief Murray shared recent crime stats for downtown. Police Dept. currently has 15 officer vacancies that are in process of being filled. PTF is at full staffing. Overnight patrols along Main Street, including some walking patrols, are occurring. Police to meet with Strawberry Festival and Fairgrounds staff to discuss improved traffic plan for this year's festival. X Games returning in June. Board requested an invite to Ventura Visitors & Convention Bureau to speak at February meeting to discuss X Games impact.

Board Action Items:

2024 Board Election and 2 vacancies. Board voted to appoint Rick Stewart, longtime owner of Palermo, to fill one vacant Business owner seat, with a term of 2023-2026. Motion made by Peter Goldenring, 2nd by Emily DeArkland. Passed unanimously. Board discussed possible candidates for other vacant Business owner seat. An agenda item to consider another appointment would be brought back in February. Annual Board Election letter would be mailed to all property owners. The 2024 election will include 2 Property Owner seats and 1 Business Owner seat, with a 3-year term beginning in April through March 2027. The duties of the Nominating Committee would be handled by the full Board, who will review and approve the slate at February meeting.

MSM Committee update. MSM Committee Chair Goldenring said no recent communications from the City. ED Clerici shared that City is looking at late February date for City Council to review and approve Parklet Design Guidelines, after guidelines go to Council's E.D. subcommittee for review and recommendation. City at same February meeting also may consider possible direction on City assuming control of the street closure and discontinuing special event permit with DVO. Committee Chair Goldenring and E.D. would be scheduling a meeting with business/resident stakeholders along Promenade to discuss current issues and concerns in the area.

No City Report.

Meeting adjourned at 10:23am.

Minutes prepared by Kevin Clerici