

# DVP BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

April 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 9:07am.

**DVP Directors present:** Feingold, Hutton Becker, Emily DeArkland, Vince Daly, Peter Goldenring, Josh Addison, Sky Sunner, Rick Stewart (via Zoom) and Councilman Doug Halter. Maria Fiori was present as a guest, until she was appointed to a Board seat, then joined the Board.

**Others:** E.D. Kevin Clerici, Asst. Police Chief Rick Murray, Deputy CM Brick Conners, Assistant CM Carlene Saxton, property owners Mike Hernandez, Jeremy Ireland, Jeff Becker.

**Approval of March Meeting Minutes.** Minor edit to the March VVCB report on X Games was made. Motion to approve, as amended, made by Hutton Becker, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Doug Halter. Passed unanimously.

**Approval of March Financials.** Treasurer Besvold sent memo from Finance Committee in advance. ED Clerici provided summary of March compilation and Q1 personnel expenses. Separately, Finance Committee reviewed March ancillary financial documents and contracts. Emily DeArkland made motion to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hutton Becker. Passed unanimously.

**Public Comments.** None.

**Ventura Police Report.** Chief Murray discussed recent incidents in Downtown. Crime stats showed roughly 45 incidents, many reported from the Vons shopping center. Murray said shopping center has private security that is encouraged to report incidents. Some of the arrests in the month included narcotic offenses. There has been an uptick in graffiti in recent weeks, and VPD is close to an arrest on a prolific tagger, likely a minor, Murray said. DA's office has prosecuted some past graffiti vandalism arrests. This will be an important case. Murray met with DVP's new Promenade Committee. Work is moving forward on a new VPD surveillance camera atop the Crowne Plaza Hotel.

## **Board Action Items:**

**Approval of appointment of Maria Fiore to fill Board Business owner seat, through March 2025.** Motion by Josh Addison, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Peter Goldenring. Passed unanimously. With Fiore joining the Board, it now has all 11 seats filled.

**Election of 2024-2025 Board Officer positions.** Board discussed officer positions, accepted nominations from the floor, then voted by paper vote. Results were Peter Goldenring as President, Erik Feingold as VP, Yvonne Besvold as Treasurer and Hutton Becker as Secretary. Final tally 5-4 with 1 abstention.

**PBID Assessments in 2025.** Board approved 3.5% increase in FY2025. Motion by Josh Addison, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Vince Daly. Passed unanimously. Next step is increase is approved by City Council, then resolution to County to add to tax roll.

**Consider appointment of Liaison to Ventura County Fair Board.** This item was postponed indefinitely. No volunteers.

**Promenade Committee Report.** Committee met April 22, with letter sent to CM Ayub regarding lighting repairs along Promenade, greater safety and addressing the Beachfront Garage, with desire to get it open sooner if possible. Copies of Ayub's response were printed and shared with Board members and those present. City Council voted on March 26 to replace stairwell and work to reopen the currently fenced off upper floors. Current estimate is 6-8 months for engineering work on stairwell for City to be able to release its bid. Council would then need to award project, meaning actual repair work on the garage would not begin until 2025. Committee to continue to meet to address concerns.

**City Report.** Deputy CM Conners reported that April 28-May 4 is National Small Business Week, which the City is promoting. VPD/City continues to work with Strawberry Festival organizers on revised traffic plan to access Fairgrounds/downtown. Same for coming X Games in June. City's Clean & Safe team closer to launch of "Ventura Connect," with possible soft launch in May. This new work-request program will allow members of the public to submit work orders for various things and the system would provide acknowledgement to submitter, and measurable outcome of request. Conners said there would be coordination with DVP on the system.

**Executive Director's Report.** Monthly written report included with Agenda packet. No verbal report, as major topics had been covered as part of meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 10:18am.

Minutes prepared by Kevin Clerici