

DVP BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

January 23, 2025, 9:00am
held in top floor meeting room
at Crowne Plaza Ventura Beach Hotel, 450 E. Harbor Blvd.

Call to Order. President Peter Goldenring called the meeting to order at 9:03am.

DVP Directors present: Goldenring, Josh Addison, Rick Stewart, Maria Fiore, Vince Daly, Hutton Becker, Yvonne Besvold, Emily DeArkland, Sky Sunner and Councilman Doug Halter. **Others:** E.D. Kevin Clerici, Asst. Police Chief Rick Murray, Deputy CM Brick Conners, Christy Weir (DVO).

Approval of January Agenda. Motion by Goldenring, with addition of item to discuss Election Nominating Committee as part of President's Report. Passed with no objections.

Approval of December Meeting Minutes. Motion by Emily DeArkland. 2nd by Doug Halter. Passed unanimously.

Ventura Police Department Report. Chief Murray shared January update. No major incidents downtown, but Patrol Task Force continues to make arrests for drug offenses and possession and have continued to find quantities of drugs in Ventura's two river bottoms. East end fires prompted City to help remove some encampments in Santa Clara riverbed. Murray said overall staffing is still down due some attrition and injuries. Department is still paying for some late-night foot patrols on Main. Police are advancing its mounted horseback units, which will start this year.

City Manager Economic Team Report. CM Conners said staff and DVP are working on addressing parking issues, including repairs/upgrades to aging city system and encourage more use of Parkmobile app. New Portland Loo restroom coming to Mini Park off Santa Clara St. Council is scheduled to discuss parking demand and consider releasing an RFP to expand paid parking to City surface lots in 2026. Council finalized EIR for Main Street Moves and extended permit. City also continues to use its Ventura Connects app. Conners said City is just starting budget process for 2025, including its CIP process, and he acknowledged a desire to merge and update DVP's 2 service contracts. Brick said City intends to address DVP's lease, and City continues to look at its approach to repair building roof after Council's decision to hold off on presented project. DVP board members expressed desire to assist with roof repairs and would pursue a meeting to discuss options.

Finance Committee Report and Approval of December Financials. Treasurer Besvold presented summary of December compilation and forecasted expenses. Vince Daly made motion to approve, 2nd by Sky Sunner. Passed unanimously. Separately, Finance Committee reviewed all December ancillary financial documents and contracts. DVP and E.D. completed annual review and will continue process to update duties and performance measures.

Promenade Ad Hoc Group Report. Vince Daly provided summary of group's January meeting, which included presentation to Public Works leadership on desire for enhanced restroom cleanliness, lighting, beach cleaning and general Promenade aesthetics. Council to consider consent item to replace failed stairwell in beach garage. An advocacy letter to the City from DVP urging action and thanking City for addressing stairwell issue was supported by all and would be sent. Staff also would seek a meeting with City Manager's office, including Daly and PW director, to discuss committee's work & restroom proposal.

E.D. Committee Report. Chair Sunner said group looking at various events and activations, particularly as MSM moves ahead.

President's Report. Goldenring said Executive Committee will serve as the nominating committee to review self-nominations to the Board election and return in February will full slate for review and approval. There is still a desire to hold a Board retreat and to secure a good date. Goldenring thanked DCM Conners for his willingness to discuss issues and engage with DVP.

Executive Director's Report. Monthly written report included with Agenda packet. No vacant staff positions. Valentine's Day promotional efforts underway. New events in the works. Staff continues to assist with MSM access. ED continues to work with City parking staff to address broken pay stations, parking system. ED has initiated contract negotiations.

No Council Liaison Report.

No DVO Report.

Public Comments. None.

Meeting adjourned at 11:07am.

Minutes prepared by Kevin Clerici