

DVP BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MEETING MINUTES

August 28, 2025, 9:00am

held in upstairs board room at Crowne Plaza Ventura Beach Hotel, 450 Harbor Blvd.

Call to Order. President Josh Addison called the meeting to order at 9:04am.

DVP Directors present: Addison, Erik Feingold, Michael Mendelson, Peter Goldenring, Rick Stewart, Alex Schneider, Edith Espejo, Sky Sunner, Evan Jonker, Vince Daly and Councilman Doug Halter. **Others:** E.D. Kevin Clerici, Police Cmdr. Ryan Weeks, DCM Brick Conners, AJ Bernhardt, Pub Works Dir. Charlie Ebeling, Mary Joyce Ivers, Emily Fox, Sergio Albarran, Breanne Dunn, Christy Weir.

Approval of August Agenda. Approved without change.

Approval of July Meeting Minutes. Motion by Alex Schneider, 2nd by Erik Feingold. Passed unanimously.

Police Report. Cmdr. Weeks shared July/August downtown crime stats: no major incidents, no new trends. Police continue proactive work in Vons shopping center. Weeks said VC Fair and Throwdown cornhole event at Fairgrounds went smooth.

City Report. Conners deferred to other staff. Dir. Ebeling said Portland Loo project was delayed because City received no bids, now pursuing a direct work contract that is scheduled to go to Council in Sept. for award, with anticipated construction likely completed in early 2026. Ebeling said City is advancing roof project at DVP building, with bids to go out and be awarded later this year, with goal of work completed in January. Ebeling, after questioning on lease, also pledged to work on completing the lease and to email president an update. This led to motion for Board to send communication to City on behalf of property owners and business owners urging City to continue support and maintenance of restroom trailers until a permanent solution was achieved. Motion by Goldenring, 2nd by Sky Sunner.

MSM Report. Planner Bernhardt provided updates, including Sept. 16 City Council meeting to present draft vision from RRM Design and for Council to decide future of MSM. Bernhardt said funding for restroom trailers through end of Sept.; engineers hired to move forward bollard plan; looking at installation “prior to next summer.” Staff to present pre-approved parklet designs and application process at Sept 16 mtg; Staff preparing for parklet removal on Oct. if Council votes to reopen the street, likely looking at January if Council keeps it closed. Staff held meeting with property owners, next to listen to business owners.

Introduction to Paid Parking Expansion Project. Breanne Dunn gave overview on project, including planned outreach and work item to draft an employee parking program, among others. Dunn working with DVP’s parking group. Member Goldenring stressed significance of economic impact by any parking changes. He stressed the parking platform the City is purchasing and installing has ability to be flexible, with different pricing on different days. Others suggested possibly free parking during the week could attract more locals. Dunn said consultant group is working on a business and property owner survey to better understand employer’s current needs and where employees park now. DVP staff pledged to help share the survey when ready.

DVP Bylaws. Addison reiterated that newly restated and amended draft bylaws from attorneys was circulated to all, requested input over next month, with a final approval vote anticipated for Sept. meeting. Addison also working with lawyers on formation, bylaws for DVP CEF.

Finance Committee Report. Addison presented summary of July financial compilation and actuals-to-budget. Separately, Finance Committee reviewed all July ancillary financial materials, checking statements, credit card purchases and contracts. Motion to approve by Addison, 2nd by Schneider. Passed unanimously.

ED Committee Report. Sky Sunner shared updates on ongoing Local Thursday promotions and other activations in fall.

Councilmember Halter Report. Stepped into hall and didn’t present.

DVP Report. Christy Weir said DVO eager for Sept. 16 Council meeting. City tax data is coming.

Executive Director’s Report. Monthly written report included with Agenda packet. Working to hire new ambassador position. Working on 2026 budget for Sept. Upcoming events include Labor Day, Love Ventura cleanup day, Ventura Pop Off, ArtWalk, Dia de los Muertos on Nov. 1.

Brown Act Training. Postponed to September meeting.

Public Comments. None.

Meeting adjourned at 11:44am.

Minutes prepared by Kevin Clerici