

# DVP BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

April 23, 2026, 9:00am

held in downstairs Anacapa 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, Vince Daly, Sky Sunner, Edith Espejo, Evan Jonker, Kate McDuffee, Alison Huyett, Patricia Solano, Doug Halter, Michael Mendelson, Whitney Reed. **Others:** E.D. Kevin Clerici, Police Cmdr. Caliento, Deputy City Manager Brick Conners, Community Development's A.J. Bernhardt, City ED staffers Meredith Hart and Cary Glenn.

**Election of 2026 Board Officers.** Addison elected as President, Vince Daly as Vice President, Sky Sunner as Secretary and Edith Espejo as Treasurer. Each position approved unanimously.

**Approval of April Agenda.** Approved.

**Police Report.** Cmdr. Caliento introduced himself as the new downtown commander and shared monthly downtown crime stats: no major incidents in April. Police to provide large presence at downtown events, including April marathon and May's Jackalope Block Party on Main Street.

**City Report.** Deputy CM Conners shared Council updates, including waterfront project and surplus land act update is going to the City's economic subcommittee at its next meeting. City has to follow rigorous process before the land could be developed. City to hold a catalyst projects workshop in April and a series of public events for Small Business Week in early May.

**MSM Report.** Bernhardt shared Main Street updates, including Council's support of Vision Plan and revised timelines for parklets. Restaurant owners now must submit plans by July 31 and all parklets must be replaced or removed by Oct. 1. All fees have been deferred until occupancy, Bernhardt said. Staff has released pre-approved parklet designs and parklet application process, now accepting applications. Staff also is working a retail parklet standard aimed at retailers, coffee shops but those plans won't be ready or approved until July, Bernhardt said. Council did not commit any new funds to vision plan's many projects, but staff has some leftover funds and plans to upgrade planters, paint sidewalk curbs, purchase commercial grade street furniture and make ADA upgrades to fill holes/cracks on sidewalks and add ADA parking and drop-off areas at each intersection. New Portland Loo to open in April. City staff in talks with Farmers Market on a solution for parklets in the 200 block as market officials would prefer none or prefer parklets that could be removed on Saturday mornings to allow space for market vendors.

**Approval of March Meeting Minutes.** Motion by Vince Daly, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Evan Jonker. Passed unanimously. Sunner and Halter abstained.

**Executive Director's Report.** ED provided updates and monthly written report included with Agenda packet. ED stressed significance of parking changes being considered. Council voted to provide a Free First Hour of parking, seven days a week, on ALL current paid stalls and to update the municipal code. The change to 1 Hour Free would occur, parking staff said, when the existing, outdated pay stations are to be replaced with new units in late June. City is still looking at expanding paid parking to city surface lots and a pilot employee parking permit program, but details have not been released. Council approved funds to hire firm to initiate study on needed environmental review of proposed multistory parking garage at Santa Clara and Palm streets. Council also voted to schedule a hearing on Nov. 10 to discuss the Main Street closure, in response to testimony from business owners asking the Council to re-open the street. DVP's Rollin Ventura event will be held on April 29 and Jackalope Block Party is May 1-3. PBID assessments to go to City Council for ratification in June. Board voted for a 0% increase in 2027.

**Finance Committee Report.** ED Clerici presented summary of March financial compilation and actuals-to-budget. Motion to approve March financials was made by Vince Daly, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Evan Jonker. Passed unanimously. Separately, Finance Committee reviewed all March ancillary financial materials, checking statements, credit card purchases and contracts. Newly elected Treasurer Espejo to join Finance Committee in May.

**ED Committee Report.** Sunner talked about upcoming events. New member Whitney Reed volunteered to join committee and expand topics to also discuss streetscape improvements.

**Councilmember Halter Report.** Halter shared city has started annual budget process and is looking at a ballot measure to raise funds for city services and infrastructure improvements. City has started a public engagement process to look at feasibility and funding priorities.

**DVO Report.** No report.

**Public Comments.** None.

Meeting adjourned at 10:48am.

Minutes prepared by Kevin Clerici