



## DVP BOARD OF DIRECTORS

### Board Meeting Minutes, April 24, 2019

#### 1. Call to Order & Introductions

- a) President David Armstrong called the meeting to order at 8:37am in the board room at Crowne Plaza Ventura Beach Hotel.
- b) DVP Directors Present: Armstrong, Doug Wood, Yvonne Besvold, Christy Weir, Mike Merewether, David Comden, Mark Hartley and Debbie Fox. Quorum met.

Other attendees: Executive Director Kevin Clerici, Cary Glenn (City of Ventura), Police Cmdr. Rick Murray, Barbara Evans (resident), Mary Olson and Kathy Thompson (Ventura Friends of the Library).

#### 2. Approval of March Minutes:

- a) Motion made by Christy Weir, seconded by Mike Merewether. Passed unanimously.

#### 3. Approval of February & March Financials:

- a) Motion made by Yvonne Besvold, seconded by David Comden. Passed unanimously.

#### 4. Old Business:

Pres. Armstrong reported he sent letter to City Staff and City Council regarding the Palm/Santa Clara parking structure design and had not received a response as of the Board meeting. Letter called for greater input from DVP and public.

#### 4. DVP Action Items:

- a) No action taken. ED Clerici updated Board on Renewal/Expansion effort. Signed petitions submitted on April 19. Next step is public hearing in May/June at City Council to certify petitions, call for election and authorize CM to sign City's ballot.
- b) Pres. Armstrong initiated Board dialogue and "comprehensive look" at possible changes to DVP bylaws, including Board size and composition, as the District renews/expands in 2020. A Bylaws Subcommittee is recommended.

#### 5. Reports:

- a) Cmdr. Murray reiterated the department is updating its Strategic Plan for 2019-2022 and continues to solicit community input. Murray said little crime over last month, reporting a fight with a knife and arrest at the Santa Clara parking garage.
- b) Cary Glenn reported Peter Lyons, the new interim Community Development Director, started April 22. The City will resurface the upper parking lot off Chestnut Street, beginning April 29. Work is expected to last one week. The Council in May is schedule to award contract to consulting firm to conduct a "top to bottom" review of City's development approval process and provide recommendations. The Trade Desk is still negotiating for the former BofA space.
- c) Parking Advisory Committee continues to discuss multistory parking structure at Palm/Santa Clara streets. Conceptual design goes back to DRC on May 15. Preliminary financing report was presented at DPAC's April meeting and called for increasing current meter rates along Main and side streets. DPAC asked for further funding models, including offering 90 minutes free in future garage as well as converting current garage to paid with a 90-minute buffer. Financing plan will return to DPAC at its May 22 meeting.
- d) ED Clerici shared various updates, including new GM at Clocktower Inn, construction is underway at Peirano's and Finney's, former Wood Nickel space is relocating to 248 E Main and to be renamed Folke Home.

#### 6. Public Comments.

Mary Olson and Kathy Thomson of Ventura Friends of the Library presented on organization's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, touching on its grants programs, book store, community events, as well as the summer reading program at E.P. Foster Library. The County's new Mobile Library will be revealed at ceremony at the Govt Center on May 7.