



DVP BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Board Meeting Minutes, May 22, 2019

1. Call to Order & Introductions

- a) President David Armstrong called the meeting to order at 8:36am in the board room at Crowne Plaza Ventura Beach Hotel.
- b) DVP Directors Present: Armstrong, Christy Weir, Mike Merewether, Angie Hecht, Jeff Smith, Emily DeArkland and Yvonne Besvold. Quorum met.

Other attendees: Executive Director Kevin Clerici, Ventura City Manager Alex McIntyre, Cary Glenn and Jim Cogan (City of Ventura ED office), Police Cmdr. Rick Murray and Barbara Evans (resident).

2. Approval of April Minutes:

- a) Motion made by Angie Hecht, seconded by Mike Merewether. Passed unanimously.

3. Approval of April Financials:

- a) Motion made by Yvonne Besvold, seconded by Christy Weir. Passed unanimously.

4. DVP Action Items:

- a) Directed ED Clerici to work with City staff to hold a community workshop focused on how the new parking structure will look and take shape. Motion by Mike Merewether, seconded by Jeff Smith. Passed unanimously. The discussion included various topics, including the garage design and feel, expanding the footprint by looking at securing adjacent properties, the look and feel of the adjacent alleys and reviewing previous plans created by Walker Consulting.
- b) 3-part motion: Authorized ED to first respond to County Auditor-Controller's office regarding the PBID assessments on the 2019/20 tax rolls. If unsuccessful, authorize ED to engage County Auditor-Controller and County CEO's office. And, if necessary, hire expert legal counsel to draft response. Expended necessary funds as long as legal fees fit within current renewal budget. Motion made by David Armstrong, Angie Hecht seconded. Passed unanimously.
- c) Board agreed to hold a retreat this fall to discuss transition, accounting and priorities as District renews/expands in 2020.

5. Reports:

- a) Cmdr. Murray reported increase in last month of petty thefts, mostly bicycles. Otherwise, quiet month. Board thanked Police Dept. for its role in successful Amgen Tour of California race held on May 16.
- b) Cary Glenn introduced Jim Cogan, interim ED Manager during Estelle Bussa's family leave. Highlighted construction of lighting enhancements on the California Street bridge. The City also completed the resurfacing of the upper parking lot off Chestnut Street. City-hired consults will begin this month its "top to bottom" review of City's development approval process and provide recommendations over a 16-week effort. The Trade Desk is finalizing its purchase of the former BofA space.
- c) Parking Advisory Committee report was folded into the action item on the community workshop for the parking structure. The May DPAC meeting was rescheduled to May 22 and held after the DVP meeting concluded.
- d) ED Clerici shared various updates, including good news on both the Park Ambassador and City baseline services contracts being renewed, DVP finances are in great shape, paving projects continue in 400 and 500 block alleys, new GM at Clocktower Inn, new board president at the Knights of Columbus, construction is underway at Peirano's and Finney's, the downtown brand mark was painted on the street at California and Main, free summer outdoor movie series returns on May 31, researching plan with City to install hanging flower baskets on light poles, and replace aging bulbs on swag lights. Doug Wood previously announced he was leaving his position as general manager at the Crowne Plaza for a new opportunity. He planned to stay on the board and involved with DVP.

Meeting adjourned at 10:11am.

Minutes prepared by Kevin Clerici