

DVP BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES

April 28, 2022, 8:30am in the Bayview Room
atop the Crowne Plaza Ventura Beach Hotel

Call to Order. President David Armstrong called the meeting to order at 8:37am.

DVP Directors present: Armstrong, Yvonne Besvold, Emily DeArkland, Debbie Fox, Kelsey Jonker, Whitney Riles, Danny Quintana, Hutton Becker, Councilman Joe Schroeder. Others: E.D. Kevin Clerici, Assistant City Manager Akbar Alikhan, DVO Board member Cheryl Heitmann.

Approval of March minutes. Motion made by Debbie Fox, seconded by Joe Schroeder. Passed unanimously.

Approval of Jan, Feb, March Financials. Motion made by Emily DeArkland, seconded by Joe Schroeder. Passed unanimously.

Appointment of member to serve out David Comden's Board seat. Nominations included Mark Hartley and Cary Jonker. Board voted with Mark Hartley receiving majority of votes cast. His term will run through March 2023, when the seat will be up for election.

Election of a Board Vice President. Postponed to future meeting.

Approved DVP position on proposed Parking Garage at Santa Clara & Palm streets. Board supported a City built, multistory garage that would be determined by a data-driven, demand and viability process; a sense of urgency; and the full implementation of the Parking Authority. Current "parking management" approach would continue, with new studies into current utilization, budget and financing projections, as well as future systemwide demand. Motion by Joe Schroeder, seconded by Emily DeArkland. Passed unanimously.

Authorized E.D. to engage legal counsel to assist with MSM permit conditions. Motion made by Joe Schroeder, seconded by Emily DeArkland. Passed unanimously.

Establish DVP position on General Plan, Downtown Specific Plan & Local Coastal Program. Board supported and initiated a dialogue on establishing its position, including a review/update DVP Policy on new development applications. E.D. Clerici agreed to reach out to Community Development staff to provide an update on the ongoing effort to update the City's GP and LCP.

Updates on Main Street Moves. City Council on April 11 voted unanimously to extend current closure for 2 years and initiate necessary CEQA and traffic analysis to allow a flex street in the future. City has applied for a federal grant to purchase removable bollards. Council voted for the staff recommendation but instructed staff to work with DVP staff to incorporate DVP's requests. This includes reopening all sidewalks and reopening California Street but allowing fortified parklets there. No formal dates chosen for these changes. City staff also was instructed to incorporate a condition allowing DVP to collect \$250 per month for smaller parklets and \$500 from larger parklets, beginning with new permit. No decision was made by Council on the fee structure (DVP advocated for \$1/sq ft) that would take effect after the 2-year interim Special Use permit ends. DVP staff will work closely with restaurant owners to improve their dining patios. Separately, new MSM banners, planters and street furnishing have been order and implemented. These concepts came from the Board's volunteer design team.

No Police Report.

Parking Advisory Committee Report. Longtime staff Rick Gallegos has left the City for a job in Camarillo. City staff is looking to replace him with a temporary contract with consultant Julie Dixon and her team. Julie Dixon has done past work in downtown. City is now saying August/September for installation of digital counter system at Santa Clara parking garage. DVP staff working with Facilities staff to repair and re-install string lights in the alley behind the garage.

Meeting adjourned at 10:49am.

Minutes prepared by Kevin Clerici