

# Joliet City Center Partnership

## Board of Directors

March 8, 2018

8:00 a.m. – CCP Board Room

Guest: Kelly Baltas, on behalf of Mary Jaworski

### Meeting Agenda

#### 1. Approval of February Minutes

- Denise Winfrey motioned to approve the February minutes.
- Rod Tonelli seconded.
- Motion carried.

#### 2. Approval of February Financials

- Megan Millen motioned to approve the February financials.
- Mike Brick seconded.
- Motion carried.

#### 3. Committee Chair Reports

- **Marketing**
  - i. Mike Brick reported that the marketing committee discussed downtown informational kiosks – next steps are to talk to other towns/municipalities that have purchased them to collect feedback.
- **OMA**
  - i. Megan Millen reported that the OMA meeting in March will focus on food trucks and April will feature City Manager David Hales.
- **Economic Development**
  - i. Rod Tonelli reported that the EDC hasn't met since the last board meeting. Rod & Jim will present at March 20th Will County Capital Improvements committee meeting.

#### 4. Chairman's Report

- **Rialto Discussion**
  - i. Jim Roolf fostered a discussion on the Rialto and its resurgence in the past year, including community involvement and gaining momentum in terms of shows. Jim would like to keep the Rialto on the agenda and in mind so that this group can find ways to support the building and the organization.
  - ii. John Greuling suggested having the Rialto Director on the board as in the past to help us understand their position and bring their insight onto the board.
    1. Mike Brick noted that Val Devine has been involved in Marketing Committee already. Steve suggested the Director of the Rialto should be a liaison role to the board at the least.
  - iii. David Hales mentioned that it would be helpful for the board to revisit the way the Rialto and other similar boards and organizations are funded. Jim

Name	Present	Absent
Susan Pritz-Bornhofen	X	
Mike Brick	X	
John Greuling	X	
Mary Jaworski		X
Bryan Kopman	X	
Megan Millen	X	
Sue Moore	X	
Mayor Bob O'Dekirk		X
Jim Roolf (Chair)	X	
Jim Smith	X	
Dan Stevenson		X
Rod Tonelli	X	
Larry Walsh		X
Denise Winfrey	X	
David Hales	X	
Steve Jones	X	
Lauren Las (Staff)	X	
Richard Fredrickson (Consultant)	X	

Roof will explore this with Val and schedule a time for this at a meeting in the future, no more than 3 months.

- **Downtown Plan Review**
  - i. Jim Roof presented key points from the Downtown Plan and expressed a desire for this board to engage in discussions and work that furthers the plan and not only review what is happening.
- **Downtown Image**
  - i. Jim wanted to discuss the state of downtown in terms of cleanliness, maintenance, etc.
  - ii. Megan Millen suggested a task force from this committee be responsible for these conversations outside of the monthly board meetings. Rod suggested these all go on a to-do list so we can work on them and check them off the list.
  - iii. David Hales asked the group what it takes and how you change the mindset of property owners and business operators to take on some of these roles by themselves. He also said he has heard parking garage complaints a lot and will promises to push this along in the time before the next meeting.
    - 1. Perhaps it could be recognition for the businesses who are doing it correctly already.

## 5. Staff Report

- Lauren Las reported on the Downtown Ambassador meeting at Elder Brewing and will update the Board as needed.

## 6. City Report

- Steve Jones noted that the financial incentive base of downtown has changed since the Downtown Plan and that the new TIF passed. Steve also reported that he has hired an employee from Invest Aurora to work with him in Economic Development (he expects to bring him to the next meeting); the Stadium Club project is no longer moving forward; Joy's Boutique has closed; Steve hopes for an additional residential project at the old AT&T building.
- David Hales reported on: the new sewer project which will be night work; they will be renegotiating the stadium agreement and asked for input; they will be taking a look at downtown residential housing – suggests we be much more explicit in what we mean when we say “market-rate” housing; redevelopment plan for Evergreen Terrace.

## 7. New Business

- Jim Smith reminded the group that there used to be a downtown cleanup. Sue Bornhofen mentioned that at the Jacob Henry Mansion they do a similar cleanup in the neighborhood ending in a hot dog lunch.

## 8. Adjournment

- Jim Smith motioned to adjourn.
- Sue Bornhofen seconded.
- The motion carried and meeting was adjourned at 9:12am.

**Next Meeting: April 12, 2018 – 8:00 a.m. – CCP Boardroom**