

## Joliet City Center Partnership

**Board of Directors**  
**April 9, 2020**  
**8:00 a.m. – Virtual**

### Meeting Minutes

#### 1. Approval of March Minutes

- Sue Moore motioned to approve the March minutes.
- Jim Roolf seconded.
- Motion carried.

#### 2. Approval of March Financials

- John Greuling motioned to approve the March financials.
- Jim Roolf seconded.
- Motion carried.

#### 3. City Report

- Derek reported the City held the first City Council meeting with new rules and it has worked well.
- The Finance Department is putting together numbers on how much of hit the shutdown will be for the City. They are looking for cost-saving measures to take now because around October the cash could run out.
- Derek also reported that economic development is starting to pick back up and the AT&T Building is under contract. The city did want residential there but they will take office space as well. Also, Crema still plans to move to the Barber Building.

#### 4. Chairman's Report

- Emergency Grants
  - Megan and Rod presented the emergency grant for discussion and explained that the funding will come from the \$200,000 designated for the Beautification Grant funding.
  - Jim Roolf suggested also asking for their business plan for the next 12 months as criteria for the grant. John Greuling noted that perhaps a requirement is that they were in business on the day restaurant closure or shelter-at-home orders were given. Bryan Kopman suggested that it could be a deterrent for businesses to need to provide a business plan. He suggested that we could ask the recipients to sign a personal guaranty.
  - Jen Howard agreed there's so much uncertainty out there, it's hard to make a year-plan since they are going week-to-week or day-to-day.
  - The board suggested adding guiding questions to the application to determine if the businesses plan on continued operation.
  - Bryan suggested clearly adding these topics to the criteria.

Name	Present	Absent
Susan Pritz-Bornhofen		X
Mike Brick	X	
Monica Cicimov	X	
Valerie Devine	X	
David DiLorenzo	X	
John Greuling	X	
Diane Harris		X
Jen Howard	X	
Bryan Kopman	X	
Megan Millen (Chair)	X	
Sue Moore	X	
Ivette Núñez		X
Mayor Bob O'Dekirk		X
Jim Roolf	X	
Jim Smith		X
Dan Stevenson		X
Rod Tonelli	X	
Larry Walsh		X
Denise Winfrey	X	
Steve Jones (guest)		X
Derek Conley (guest)	X	
Lauren Las (staff)	X	
Richard Fredrickson (consultant)	X	

- John said he doesn't view this as a competitive thing – CCP should be giving it out and shouldn't want it to be too difficult. John suggested being flexible leaving the door open to decide to give more if needed at a certain point.
- John thought we should be open and publicize this, and make it clear on the application page it is only for City Center businesses.
- Richard suggested having the application available in Spanish as well.
- Rod motioned to approve the new grant program with the changes discussed in the amount of \$100,000.
  1. John seconded.
  2. Motion carried.

## **5. Adjournment**