

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 |
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| 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