

## Joliet City Center Partnership

### Board of Directors

June 10, 2021

8:00 a.m. – CCP/CED Boardroom

### Meeting Minutes

#### 1. Approval of May Minutes

- Sue Moore motioned to approve the May minutes.
- Denise Winfrey seconded.
- Motion carried.

#### 2. Approval of May Financials

- Jen Howard motioned to approve the May financial reports.
- Diane Harris seconded.
- Motion carried.

#### 3. Committee Chair Reports

- Marketing
  - Monica Cicimov reported on the Marketing Committee's meeting where the committee reviewed the upcoming events in the city center, a budgeted sponsorship for Including You festival of \$1,250, and the large Route 66 sign that was installed at the JAHM.
  - Heritage Corridor Convention and Visitors Bureau renewal
    1. HCCVB proposed a renewal of the partnership for \$12,000. In recent years, we have partnered for \$6,500. In 2020, we budgeted \$8,000 but only agreed to \$6,500, so that is what was budgeted for 2021. The marketing committee suggested countering with \$8,000 and Megan asked for a motion to approve up to \$8,000 depending on their response to the offer.
      - a. Rod Tonelli made the motion to approve up to \$8,000.
      - b. Denise seconded.
      - c. Motion carried.
- OMA
  - Dave reported on the June 3rd meeting of the OMA. The meeting had a city update from Derek Conley and a business highlight from Howard Wright of State Farm. The main speaker was Erick Deshaun Dorris, chair of the Joliet Arts Commission. Dave indicated that Erick gave a fantastic presentation about the commission and noted that they have asked the city for \$150,000 per year from the American Relief Fund. The next OMA meeting will be Thursday, August 5<sup>th</sup>, in person.

Name	Present	Absent
JBT (represented by Garland Mays)	X	
Susan 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	
Dan Stevenson		X
Rod Tonelli	X	
Denise Winfrey	X	
Jim Capparelli (guest)		X
Derek Conley (guest)	X	
Lauren Las (staff)	X	
Richard Fredrickson (consultant)	X	

- Economic Development
  - 63 N. Chicago Street application
    1. Rod discussed and presented the application for the Granholm and Gynac application. They are eligible for the maximum grant amount since their costs will be \$375,000+. The EDC recommended a grant up to the maximum amount of \$75,000 with the condition that the committee/board have a chance to review the facade plan when ready. If the façade is not satisfactory, CCP will back out that cost when computing the final grant reimbursement.
    2. Rod made the motion to approve a grant of up to the maximum of \$75,000 with the above condition.
    3. Jen seconded
    4. Bryan Kopman abstained.
    5. Motion carried.
- Beautification
  - Megan Millen reported on the downtown flowers that have been planted.
  - Arts Commission project
    1. The committee met to review 10 submissions for the project with the Arts Commission and chose 5 who are now at work creating the pieces which will be due July 12th.
    2. The CCP will be holding funds from the raffle as a passthrough until the Arts Commission is set up to receive funds. They will be displayed at five locations.
    3. Lauren will send the 5 selected proposals to the board.

#### **4. Chair Report**

- Megan informed the board that Lauren Las resigned on June 4<sup>th</sup> and her last day will be June 18<sup>th</sup>. Megan and the board thanked Lauren for nearly five years with the CCP.
  - Megan noted that Richard will step up to help in the absence of a Marketing Manager, as well as Mike Brick & Monica.
- Megan noted that the Executive Committee is close to launching the Executive Director job posting, which will be going into six publications on June 15<sup>th</sup>. It will close one month later. The new Director will be able to hire a replacement staff member.

#### **5. City Report**

- Derek Conley reported on: construction of the JJC plaza which is to be completed by August 16<sup>th</sup>, EJ Commercial check in - they are pursuing a tenant for the top three floors which would be about 100 employees, an update on the construction of the downtown plaza which is being led by Lisa Dorothy at the City, 109 Ohio Street (large warehouse) will be demolished soon, Scott Street deck sale closed last Friday and John Bays is already at work with plans for it to be fully automated within 6 weeks, \$151,000 from that sale will go to study for street parking downtown, Arch Street construction with TIF funds is nearly done, Joliet Creamers is a new sneaker store and is interested in a facade grant, successful community market, IHSA Baseball tournament will be June 19<sup>th</sup> and a QR code will go to the CCP restaurant page, update on the Marriott project and McBrody's building, Bays working on restaurant for 116 N Chicago, and Juliet's has reopened and is open for lunch.

## **6. Adjournment**

- Meeting adjourned at 8:39am on a motion from Dave and second from Diane.