



Meeting Details

Subject: Joliet City Center Partnership Board Meeting

Date: Thursday, June 12, 2025

Time: 8:02 AM

Participants Monica Cicimov, Tim Brophy, Tiffany Johnson, Michele Arana, Howard Wright, Christa Desiderio, Elaine Bottomley, Megan Millen, Ron Romero, Mike Paone, Dave DiLorenzo, Amber Duffy, Wade Welsh, Paulina Martinez

Did not attend: Susy Huerta, Jennifer Bertino-Tarrant, Mayor Terry D’Arcy, Bryan Kopman, Doug Pryor

Call-in: Cornell Lurry, Greg Peerbolte, Diana Viveros, Bryce Jordan

Staff Members: Vicki Sanchez

Guests:

Meeting Handouts: June 2025 Board of Directors Agenda; May 2025 Minutes & Financial Reports; Digital Marketing Report; & two grant applications

Meeting Notes

- I. Call to Order**
 - i. Monica Cicimov called the meeting to order at 8:02
- II. Approval of Minutes**
 - i. **BOARD ACTION:** Motion to approve the MAY 8, 2025 Minutes as presented by Monica Cicimov.
 - i. Motion to approve by Romero; seconded by Arana
Motion carried unanimously.
- III. Approval of Financials**
 - i. MAY 2025 draft financials were presented.



BOARD ACTION: Motion to approve the MAY 2025 financials as presented. Motion to approve by Millen; seconded by Wright. Motion carried unanimously

IV. Board Chair Report - Monica

- i. Conflict of Interest form completed. Watch for email. Return asap.
- ii. CCP Executive Director position—proceeding with in-person interviews.
- iii. July CCP Board meeting cancelled.
- iv. Downtown free parking proposal before City Council 6/16 & 6/17.

V. Marketing Committee – Tiffany Johnson

- i. Grant applications
 - a. Rt. 66 Miles of Possibility Conference. Motion to approve \$500 by Arana; second by Romero. Motion carried unanimously with Peerbolte abstaining.
 - b. Santa 5K. Dec. 7; 400 expected. Motion to approve \$250 by Johnson; second by DiLorenzo. Motion carried unanimously with Paone abstaining.
- ii. We need sponsors for all events: See the agenda for the list.
- iii. Restaurant Week will be July 19- 27th – planning proceeds.

VI. Economic Development Committee – Mike Paone

- i. Bays Tower & Matisse: in process. \$75,000 each.
- ii. Cass & Scott strip mall: Approved for \$27,000.
- iii. Biz continuation grant paid to Blue Taco.
- iv. Gonzalez Fresh Produce expected to apply for \$2,500.

VII. Beautification Committee – Megan Millen

- i. Summer planting complete. Winter planting planning started.
- ii. Thanks for Clean Up help. Needs it again. Move it to June?

VIII. Owners & Managers Association Chair Report – Megan Millen

- i. OMA met June 5 at The Forge—15 people. Workforce Devo Speaker.
- ii. Spanish OMA met 5/20 at Joliet Library Digital Studio. Next 7/15.

IX. Staff Report - Vicky

- i. Intern: one out; new one in: Emily Macias.
- ii. Kidz Fest check-in volunteers: Monica, Amber, Tiffany.
- iii. Restaurant Week promos starting. 16 participants. Please push promos. Advertising budget is maxed out. Flyers going out soon. Navarro to be asked to help, supposed to match. Library will do free promo video.



- iv. Mexican parade progressing.
- v. Working with EBC on business seminar Sept. 10th, 8:30 AM. Topic: Legal red flags for small businesses.
- vi. Detour map on social media. 6300 views. 92% were non-followers!
- vii. Marketing piece inviting people back downtown. ½ sheet to distribute.
- viii. Heritage Corridor promo @ IHSA tourney. Heritage stuff has to be 50 miles out!

X. City Report – Christa D

- i. Parking Vote: if passes will take 4-6 weeks for signage.
- ii. Shuttle running for IHSA event. Volunteers drive the bus.
- iii. Beautification: other sites welcome.
- iv. Mexican Inde parade: limit 50 entries, shorter route.
- v. Downtown Construction progress: Estimated July 4 for Chicago street opening.

XI. City Report – Paulina

- i. IASA: picnic today with players. Tournament tomorrow.
- ii. Rivers Edge Redevo Zone: starting work. DCEO to review app 180 days; Q1 2026 for mid-july public hearing.
- iii. TIF study in progress – how to make them more productive.
- iv. My Grain space: receive 5 proposals.

XII. Other Announcements

- i. Monica: ignore anniversary announcement – ComEd outage planned.

XIII. Adjourn

- i. Motion to adjourn by Paone; 2nd by Johnson. Motion carried unanimously
- ii. Meeting adjourned at 8:38 AM

Respectfully Submitted.

Tim Brophy, Acting Secretary