

## Joliet City Center Partnership

**Board of Directors  
June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019  
8:00 a.m. – CCP Board Room**

### Meeting Minutes

#### 1. Approval of May Minutes & Financials

- Denise motioned to approve the May minutes and financials.
- John Greuling seconded.
- Motion carried.

#### 2. Committee Chair Reports

- Marketing
  - Budgeted items will be taken care of at committee level: Mike Trizna – 3 events, Great Prison Break-In event.
- OMA
  - Lauren reported on the May OMA meeting with special guest Mayor O’Dekirk. There was great attendance from all over downtown.
  - Steve suggested to have the Mayor come twice a year for this discussion.
- Economic Development
  - Existing business grant for Collins St
    1. Committee will work through this more. Idea is to take a dollar amount cap and offer to all businesses within the SSA as a one-time cosmetic grant.
  - 310 N. Ottawa project
    1. Building needs full remodel. Right now the application has only 1 bid. The EDC discussed with Cesar treating the approval in two steps. First, the CCP could commit to a certain level of funding and provide a letter for him to give to his bank. Once the bank gives him funding, the board can approve the whole project and draft an agreement.
    2. Grant amount would be \$57,000 to \$70,000. Approval of project subject to him getting additional bids.
    3. Rod motioned to approve a grant of 23.4% up to \$70,000.
    4. Sue Moore seconded.
    5. Motion carried.

#### 3. City Report

- Restaurant survey results were compiled and the CCP hosted a meeting for all of the restaurants. Nine attended which was almost all invited parties. Derek presented information from the survey and offered solutions for meeting the demands of the diners. Most of the attendees plan to make changes from this data and one even has plans for a new restaurant inspired by the results. The group also indicated they

Name	Present	Absent
Susan Pritz-Bornhofen		X
Mike Brick	X	
Randy Conroy		X
Valerie Devine	X	
John Greuling	X	
Mary Jaworski		X
Bryan Kopman	X	
Megan Millen		X
Sue Moore	X	
Ivette Núñez		X
Mayor Bob O’Dekirk		X
Jim Roof (Chair)	X	
Jim Smith	X	
Dan Stevenson		X
Rod Tonelli	X	
Larry Walsh		X
Denise Winfrey	X	
Steve Jones	X	
Derek Conley	X	
Lauren Las (Staff)	X	
Richard Fredrickson (Consultant)	X	

would like to continue meeting monthly. The Heritage Corridor CVB also has a dining & deals web app that is free for downtown businesses.

- Steve Jones reported on parking improvements downtown including 15 minute spaces for DoorDash-esque deliveries and other loading spaces, Barrister Investigations had a ribbon cutting, Gji's closed and there have already been 3 showings for the space, \$250,000 matching grant for the guard house at the prison which will be the museum's presence in the museum and lighting the walls of the prison, plus another grant for tourism marketing for 50 miles or greater outside of Joliet, Travel Channel filmed and will be doing a Halloween special, prison will be featured before the NASCAR event.
- Parking improvements – through rate increases and TIF income there will likely be improvements coming in the next few months.
- Steve asked CCP to up the advocacy for downtown to the city through any number of ways from letters of support to attendance at Council meetings, and any other way to keep it on the minds of the City and Council. Jim Roolf suggested putting together a presentation he will give to the Council. Val commented that it needs to come from and be taken by City officials as helpful suggestions and advisements instead of criticism.

#### **4. Staff Report**

- Lauren reported on the June events: Star Wars Day, New Orleans North, IHSA Baseball, and Paws on 66.

#### **5. Chairman's Report**

- Discussion about a series of stories on projects and forgotten businesses in downtown.

#### **6. Adjournment**

- Meeting adjourned at 9:23.

**Board Meetings held at: 8:00 a.m. – CCP Boardroom**

#### **Upcoming meetings:**

July 11<sup>th</sup> | August 8<sup>th</sup> | September 12<sup>th</sup>  
October 10<sup>th</sup> | November 14<sup>th</sup> | December 12<sup>th</sup>