

Joliet City Center Partnership

Board of Directors
August 12, 2021
8:00 a.m. – CCP/CED Boardroom

Meeting Minutes

1. Approval of July Minutes

- Denise Winfrey motioned to approve.
- Dave DiLorenzo seconded.
- All Aye – Motion approved

2. Approval of July Financials

- Jen Howard motioned to approve.
- Denise Winfrey seconded.
- All Aye – Motion approved

3. Committee Chair Reports

- Marketing
 - Megan and Rod reported on the Marketing Committee’s meeting on August 11th. The committee reviewed upcoming events, recapped Kidzfest and the Arts project reveal and raffle. Also recapped the Big Bash event at the prison.
- OMA
 - Dave reported on the OMA meeting held August 5th at Juliets. Good attendance and he thanked Juliets for hosting. The meeting included a City update from Derek Conley and a Police Dept. update from Officer Desiderio. City Clerk Krista Desiderio made a presentation on the City’s business registration initiative and answered questions from attendees.
 - County Executive Bertino-Tarrant gave an update on Will County activities and discussed relief act funding and other County initiatives.
 - The committee got a presentation from Audiophils as the spotlighted business for the month.
 - Attendees had an open discussion about ways to improve communication and collaboration.
 - Next meeting October 7th at 3:00 PM.
- Economic Development
Grant Approval -103 N. Ottawa – Noe Patino
 - Rod Tonelli reported that no meeting was held in August. The pending grant for 103 N. Ottawa was to be voted on today but Rod recommended that it be held for future consideration given news that a mortgage foreclosure had just been filed against the owner. He spoke with Derek Conley and Bryan Kopman both who recommended no action on the grant until further news and clarification on the foreclosure suit.

Name	Present	Absent
Jennifer Bertino-Tarrant		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 Roof	X	
Dan Stevenson	X	
Rod Tonelli	X	
Denise Winfrey	X	
Jim Capparelli (guest)		X
Derek Conley (guest)		X
Richard Fredrickson (consultant)	X	

- Rod discussed an inquiry about a grant for parking lot improvements and stated that he would like the ED committee to consider an amendment to the grant program for site improvements like this. This is particularly applicable in the Collins and Cass street corridors where there are more private parking lots and other site improvements. John Greuling suggested that such an amendment should be limited to private property owners. Rod stated the discussion will be placed on a future ED committee agenda.
- Beautification
 - Nothing to report.

4. Chair Report

- Update- Executive Director Search
 - Megan Millen thanked Rod Tonelli and Richard Fredrickson for their efforts on Kidzfest and further thanked Rod for the day to day work as interim director.
 - Megan gave an update on the Executive Director search indicating that the staffing committee screened applicants and has narrowed it down to three candidates for in-person interviews in the next two weeks.
- Sponsorship Request – Latino Music and Food Festival
 - LEDA and Unidos are holding the Latino Music and Food Festival on September 18th and have requested a CCP event grant/sponsorship. Megan Millen recommended a \$3,000.00 sponsorship. Rod discussed the importance of supporting LEDA and this event.
 - John Greuling made a motion to approve a \$3,000.00 grant to this event.
 - Denise Winfrey seconded
 - All Aye- motion approved

5. Staff Report

- Kidzfest Recap
- Heritage Sculpture Raffle
- Upcoming Events
 - Rod and Richard gave a recap of the recent and upcoming events.

6. City Report

- Mayor O'Dekirk reported on behalf of the City. He was pleased with the attendance at Kidzfest and thanked the CCP team for their work.
- He reported on the Jefferson Street Bridge and indicated there are conversations with IDOT about making it two-way upon re-opening.
- He reported on garbage issues and discarded mattresses at Louis Joliet Apartments and potential fines the City will levy for cleaning up garbage on private property.
- He discussed the Haunted House this fall at the women's prison site and ways to tie it into downtown businesses to attract the large number of visitors expected,
- He referenced Lockport's downtown art program of duck sculptures and encouraged that something like that should be looked at for downtown Joliet as it was very successful for Lockport. Board members concurred and it was suggested that the

Arts Commission or Arts Movement Inc should be considered to discuss such an initiative.

7. Adjournment

- David DiLorenzo motioned to adjourn.
- Mike Brick seconded.
- All Aye – Motion approved at 8:48am.