

## Joliet City Center Partnership

**Board of Directors  
September 16, 2021  
8:00 a.m. – CCP/CED Boardroom**

### Meeting Minutes

#### 1. Approval of August Minutes

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

#### 2. Approval of August Financials

- Jen Howard motioned to approve.
- Diane Harris seconded.
- All Aye – Motion approved

#### 3. Committee Chair Reports

- Marketing
  - Monica reported that no meeting was held this month The next meeting is scheduled for 10/13/21.
- OMA
  - Dave reported that the next OMA meeting is scheduled for 10/7/21 at Jitter's. Derek asked if recently opened businesses have been added to OMA constant contact.
- Economic Development
  - Rod reported that there was no ED committee held this month. The next meeting would be October 12<sup>th</sup>. Rod presented two Small Business Assistance Grant applications for Sol Art Solutions and for Studio88.
    - Diane Harris motioned to approve a small business grant to Sol Art Solutions in the amount of \$1,500.00.
    - Garland Mays seconded.
    - All Aye – motion approved
    - Jen Howard motioned to approve a small business grant to Studio88 in the amount of \$1,500.00.
    - Denise Winfrey seconded.
    - All Aye – motion approved
- Beautification
  - Beautification Grant Fund Round 2 – Megan introduced the topic of reopening the beautification grant. Rod presented the money's spent and balances remaining form the previous beautification grant cycle and Covid grants. It was discussed that the unused balance of \$20,000 be assigned to the second round of beautification grants.

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 Roolf		X
Dan Stevenson		X
Rod Tonelli	X	
Denise Winfrey	X	
Jim Capparelli (guest)		X
Garland Mays (on behalf of JBT)	X	
Derek Conley (guest)	X	
Richard Fredrickson (consultant)	X	

- Denise Winfrey motioned to approve a second round of beautification grants not to exceed \$20,000.
- Diane Harris seconded
- All Aye- motion approved

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

- Update- Executive Director Search
  - Megan gave an update on the Executive Director search process advising that we may call for a special meeting to approve a candidate and terms within the next week.
- Light Up the Holidays Parade – Hiring of Event Coordinator, Mary Jaworski
  - Megan reported that we have engaged Mary Jaworski as an independent contractor to serve as the coordinator for the Light Up the Holidays parade. She will be paid \$2,000 for her services.

#### **5. Staff Report**

- Tunes and Brews Event – Beer Truck Volunteers needed 9/25
- Heritage Sculpture Raffle Update
- Latino Music and Food Festival 9/18
- Panic at the Plaza 10/2
  - Rod and Richard gave a recap of recent and upcoming events.

#### **6. City Report**

- Derek reported on the following:
  - status of the new bus station, opening likely in November.
  - Chicago Street engineering contract to be awarded
  - Public works plans to remove uneven parking lot across from Rialto. New stone to be placed to allow to settle over winter and repaved in spring.
    - Jen Howard discussed how this would impact Santa 5K. Rod asked about whether south half could remain as is as it was always parking. Status of the Courthouse demo was raised. Denise reported that demolition was still being planned
  - City Center TIF extension approved but needs to go before JRB
  - Discussed signage at Prison to direct visitors to SSA and Collins Street restaurants. QR codes to be installed to direct people to visit Joliet page, downtown dining page, and Collins Street dining page.

#### **7. Adjournment**

- Denise Winfrey motioned to adjourn.
- Diane Harris seconded.
- All Aye – Motion approved.