

Joliet City Center Partnership

**Board of Directors
October 8, 2020
8:00 a.m. – Virtual**

Minutes

1. Moment of Silence and Resolution honoring James V. Smith

- The board observed a moment of silence in honor of the life of longtime board member James V. Smith.
- Megan read a resolution honoring James V. Smith (included on final page of minutes).
 - Denise motioned to accept the resolution.
 - John seconded.
 - Motion carried.

2. Approval of September Minutes

- Sue Moore motioned to approve the minutes.
- Rod seconded.
- Motion carried.

3. Approval of September Financials

- Rod motioned to approve the financials.
- Denise seconded.
- Motion carried.

4. Committee Chair Reports

- Marketing
 - Dia de los Muertos
 1. Lauren presented the Dia de los Muertos event from the Art Movement Inc. The marketing committee recommended a sponsorship not to exceed \$3,000.
 2. Jim Roolf motion to approve sponsorship of \$3,000.
 3. Mike seconded.
 4. Motion carried.
 - Prison/Rialto movies
 1. Lauren and Mike discussed the movie series. The marketing committee recommended a sponsorship not to exceed \$3,000.
 2. Jen motioned to approve a sponsorship of \$3,000.
 3. Sue Moore seconded.

Name	Present	Absent
Susan Pritz-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 Hock (guest)		X
Derek Conley (guest)	X	
Lauren Las (staff)	X	
Richard Fredrickson (consultant)	X	

4. Motion carried.

- OMA
 - Dave discussed the OMA meeting and plans for the future.
- Economic Development
 - Lauren presented the board with a recap of the second phase emergency relief grant program progress.
- Beautification
 - Aurora Trip
 1. Megan discussed the committee's tour of Downtown Aurora.
 2. Lauren reported on the First Fridays event and how something like that could be successfully implemented in Joliet.
 3. Megan also highlighted the importance of the arts community in Aurora's revitalization.

5. Chair Report

- Megan thanked the CCP Board for support of the Library's Project Burnham as the bonds sold this week and the project will be moving forward.
- Joliet Chamber luncheon – The Renaissance Continues on October 29th, at the Renaissance Center for a hybrid event.

6. City Report

- Letter of Recommendation for Chicago Street reconstruction
 - The board discussed if it was feasible for the plans to be from Jefferson to Webster.
 - Denise motioned to approve the letter.
 - John seconded.
 - Motion carried.
- Derek also reported on a new business, a beauty school that is expanding at the former Fitwell's space with about 100 total students, El Primo No. 3 on Scott St., AT&T building with fitness center, Chicago St Reconnection expected to be completed by the end of the month depending on ComEd lighting, Lyon's Lumber demolition is ongoing.

7. Adjournment

- Diane motioned to adjourn.
- Rod seconded.
- Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 8:58 a.m.

MEMORIAL RESOLUTION IN HONOR OF JAMES V. SMITH

WHEREAS the Joliet City Center Partnership and the broader Joliet community lost a valued Board Member and leader on September 23, 2020, with the death of James V. Smith and;

WHEREAS James V. Smith faithfully served on the Joliet City Center Partnership Board for decades and also served as chairman of the Board and;

WHEREAS James V. Smith was a tireless and outspoken champion of downtown Joliet and;

WHEREAS James V. Smith demonstrated the spirit of public service by serving on the boards of the Greater Joliet Area YMCA, the Rialto Square Theater, the Rialto Foundation, the Joliet Area Historical Museum, and the Will County Center for Economic Development, and;

WHEREAS James V. Smith was a devoted husband, successful businessman, a man you could depend on; who loved Joliet and its City Center, giving countless hours for its Renaissance as a place of history, commerce, and entertainment, and;

WHEREAS James V. Smith was a person who saw the good, the possibilities and a future we all know is coming, who through his quiet leadership was pure, his friendships real and his love of community inspirational, and;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Joliet City Center Partnership, on behalf of its members, recognizes the significant contributions of James V. Smith over the course of his distinguished career and hereby honors his memory and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be entered into the minutes of the Joliet City Center Partnership as a permanent record of the achievements of and respect for one of Joliet's finest citizens, and that the original be presented to the family of James V. Smith with sincere sympathy and appreciation.

Adopted this the 8th day of October, 2020

Megan Millen, Chair
Joliet City Center Partnership