



Meeting Details

Subject: Joliet City Center Partnership Board Meeting

Date: Thursday, October 9, 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, , 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; September 2025 Minutes & Financial Reports; Digital Marketing Report; HubSpot Info

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 September Minutes as presented by Monica Cicimov.
 - i. Motion to approve by ; seconded byMotion 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. 2026 budget is in the works and final should be available at the November meeting
- ii. New chairman in 2026 will be Mike Paone, V.P. is Tim Brophy
- iii. Motion to approve Night Train Veeck as a new board member
 - a. Motion approved by Pryor and seconded by Huerta and motion carried unanimously
- iv. Requested more event volunteers from the board level

V. Marketing Committee – Tiffany Johnson

- i. Stone & Steel Spooky 5k had 184 runners
- ii. Light up the Holidays parade entries are out and we have a little over 20 so far
- iii. Spirits with the Spirits takes place on Oct. 24
- iv. 5k and Spirits with the Spirits will not be planned by CCP in the fall of 2026

VI. Economic Development Committee – Mike Paone

- i. Payouts were completed for The Matise and Magda and Diana's Salon
- ii. Hoffee Guitar Case Company just closed on the property at 423 Chicago Street and will likely apply for a grant
- iii. Working on updating grant verbiage to make it more clear: Voted on including existing businesses in the small business grant
 - a. Motion approved by Brophy and seconded by Jordan and approved unanimously
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VII. Beautification Committee – Megan Millen

- i. Summer plants being taken out soon
- ii. Potential photo opportunity on Collins and Cass Street
- iii.

VIII. Owners & Managers Association Chair Report – Megan Millen

- i. OMA met Oct. 3 at Duffy Signs where we had some businesses we hadn't seen in awhile attend. Tom, the parking superintendent from the City spoke about the new free parking system
- ii. The next OMA is on December 4.

IX. Staff Report - Emmanuel



- i. Thanked Vicki for planning the 5k and the Rialto for donating Nutcracker tickets which will be used to revamp the business database
- ii. Held one Coffee with Manny and is planning one on Collins Street
- iii. Hubspot- was able to decrease the onboarding to \$8,010 and membership will be \$180 per month
 - i. Motion approved by Brophy and seconded by Millen and approved unanimously
- iv. December 11 board meeting will be at 4 p.m. followed by a 5:00 reception

X. City Report – Christa D

- i. Chicago Street will be closed on October 13 to put pavers in front of Rialto
- ii. City received some parking complains from tenants
- iii. City is looking at a loading zone program in the downtown area
- iv. November 1, automation will be complete at the Ottawa Street parking deck and validation stamps should be turned in
- v. Sign up for Ever Bridge to get information about street closures and water main breaks
- vi. Unity Dome workshop will be happening next week

XI. City Report – Paulina

- i. Business Continuity Grant is still open
- ii. The city is still moving forward with a potential business opening in the old MyGrain Brewery space

XII. Other Announcements

- i. Monica: Downtown is dirty again...please pick up if you can

XIII. Adjourn

- i. Motion to adjourn by Paone; 2nd by Pryor. Motion carried unanimously
- ii. Meeting adjourned