

Joliet City Center Partnership

**Board of Directors
November 12, 2020
8:00 a.m. – Virtual**

Meeting Minutes

1. Approval of October Minutes

- Denise motioned to approve the October minutes.
- Jen seconded.
- Motion carried.

2. Approval of October Financials

- Diane motioned the approve the October Financials.
- Denise seconded.
- Motion carried.

3. Committee Chair Reports

- Marketing
 - Lauren discussed the new website that is now live at jolietccp.com and jolietdowntown.com
- OMA
 - Lauren reported that she is working with Dave to create a comprehensive list of contacts that can be used for OMA and other email lists.
- Economic Development
 - Rod reported on the IL Rock and Roll Museum application
 1. Earlier this year CCP met with Ron Romero at the museum space to discuss grant possibilities and updates on their progress.
 2. The challenge we have is they are a non-profit and would not be paying taxes into the SSA, however we are supportive and want them to have success.
 3. Rod is seeking input from the board.
 - a. John asked what the dollar amount is that would allow them to get to a place they can open.
 - b. Bryan reminded the board that the purpose is to increase the value of the buildings which increases the tax base and therefore the hesitation shouldn't be based on the project not having enough money yet, but the fact that they are not paying into the SSA is important.
 - c. Denise wants to make sure that they know it is a "not yet" and not a "never."

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. Rod will discuss with Ron that we thank them for the application but it is not something we can do right at this time as good stewards of the SSA funds.
 - Restaurant grants
 1. Lauren discussed the delivery grants program.
 - Beautification
 - Megan discussed the Chicago Street reopening plans.
 - Goal for 2021 is beautify 1-2 alleys with murals.
 - Snowflakes are being relit and will be hung on Chicago Street for the holiday season.

4. Staff Report

- 2021 Budget Review
 - Jim Roolf suggests keeping money in Streetscape as unallocated money to not hamper us.
 1. Megan discussed demonstration she had from City's Public Works of a sidewalk cleaner.
 2. Change title of "Streetscape" to "Beautification"
 - Jen motioned to approve the 2020 budget.
 - Sue seconded.
 - Motion carried.

5. City Report

- Derek reported that as of today City Hall is not shutting down but no decisions have been made for the future. The City still intends to have City Council meeting but others have been canceled. They cannot have virtual meetings unless a State of Emergency is declared by the Mayor.
- Derek also discussed the Stadium Club project updates, Chicago Street opening, Lyons Lumber demolition, and the AT&T building. He also expects some discussions and information going forward on the Scott St. parking deck.

6. Chair Report

- Megan thanked Rod and Lauren for working together with her on the Chamber presentation, The Renaissance Continues.
- Megan also reported on the Executive Committee's intent to form an ad hoc committee to examine how the CCP works and the MOU with the City of Joliet, noting that it is healthy for every organization to look at what has evolved over the years and how it can operate better. If needed, the budget can be amended in 2021 if the ad hoc committee recommends any changes.
 - Rod agreed and thanked Megan that it's a good time to tackle this.

7. Adjournment