

## Joliet City Center Partnership

**Board of Directors  
November 14, 2019  
8:00 a.m. – CCP Board Room**

### Meeting Minutes

#### 1. Approval of October Minutes

- Denise Winfrey motioned to accept the October minutes.
- Mike Brick seconded.
- Motion carried.

#### 2. Approval of October Financials

- Rod Tonelli motioned to accept the October financials.
- Denise Winfrey seconded.
- Motion carried.

#### 3. Committee Chair Reports

- Marketing
  - Mike Brick reported that there was no October meeting of the Marketing Committee.
- OMA
  - Megan announced the upcoming meeting dates:
    - November 21st at 4:30pm – Q&A with the Mayor upstairs at Juliet’s
    - December 5th – OMA mixer at MyGrain at 5:00pm
  - Megan reported that there have been discussions with staff regarding attendance and frequency of meetings and these may move to bimonthly or quarterly events.
- Economic Development
  - Rod reported on the Beautification Grants that were reviewed and accepted (Paul & Mike’s Transmissions & Catrinas Mex); the Rialto request; and the EDC’s discussion about ways to use the SSA money in a way not currently addressed by our grant programs to benefit the downtown instead of sitting in an account. John Greuling noted that a possible Rialto grant could open up a box that may cause problems in the future as the building is owned by a governmental body. The SSA is made for private enterprise and there are other avenues that places like the Rialto have available to them for funding requests. Rod noted that still he finds it hard to ignore a building like the Rialto that is such an economic driver to downtown but conceded that it does blur the lines. Steve Jones posed whether there would be these concerns if the Rialto building was privately owned. John asked whether there is hotel-motel tax funding available for this purpose. Jim Smith noted that he and Sue Moore would abstain from any vote in the future as they are on the Rialto

| Name                             | Present | Absent |
|----------------------------------|---------|--------|
| Susan Pritz-Bornhofen            |         | X      |
| Mike Brick                       | X       |        |
| Valerie Devine                   |         | X      |
| John Greuling                    | X       |        |
| Mary Jaworski                    |         | X      |
| Bryan Kopman                     | X       |        |
| Megan Millen                     | X       |        |
| Sue Moore                        | X       |        |
| Ivette Núñez                     |         | X      |
| Mayor Bob O’Dekirk               |         | X      |
| Jim Roofl (Chair)                | X       |        |
| Jim Smith                        | X       |        |
| Dan Stevenson                    |         | X      |
| Rod Tonelli                      | X       |        |
| Larry Walsh                      |         | X      |
| Denise Winfrey                   | X       |        |
| Steve Jones                      | X       |        |
| Derek Conley                     | X       |        |
| Lauren Las (Staff)               | X       |        |
| Richard Fredrickson (Consultant) | X       |        |

Foundation board, and also that he remembered the Rialto receiving a grant for their awning years ago. This wouldn't fit under any current grant categories and Rod noted that he wanted to create a new category. Megan asked if TIF funds could pay for this type of request. Steve and Derek noted TIF grants are typically issued in conjunction with SSA grants. Jim suggested possibly one grant per year for a non-standard grant. Mike said he believed the way forward is to work with the hotel-motel tax.

- Steve noted he has proposed designating revenue specifically for culture/arts/etc.
- Rod recapped that this will be worked on more at the Economic Development Committee and then brought back to the board. Derek will work on a first draft of the idea.

#### **4. Staff Report**

- 2020 budget
  - Lauren reviewed the budget.
  - Marketing Committee will look at history of Race Fan Rally and bring recommendation to the next board meeting.
  - Two updates will be made to the document provided to the board:
    - Update SSA income to \$647,231.60
    - Update Conference expense to \$2,000.00
- Bryan moved to approve the budget with the two noted changes.
- Denise seconded.
- Budget approved for 2020.
- Lauren will submit to the City of Joliet per the requirements of the MOU.

#### **5. City Report**

- Derek reported on a number of items: Utility projects will wrap up in November, feasibility report on Hotel Plaza will be delivered to city soon (Derek shared a design photo), St. Mary's Church study, Marriott project still moving forward, Lyons Lumber, new GM at Harrah's.
- Steve reported on the city's plans for legalization of cannabis sales which includes a map of exclusion zones for the downtown. Also Steve noted there will be parking rates increases in the decks, streets, and commuter lots. Right now there is a fund deficit of over \$600,000 as rates have not be raised in many years. The raises will fund \$3 million in improvements, including tech, enforcement, and building improvements. The City might possibly use SSA funds for a portion of this.

#### **6. Chairman's Report**

- Jim recapped the meeting and called for adjournment.

#### **7. Adjournment**

- Rod motioned to adjourn the meeting.
- Denise seconded.
- Meeting adjourned for November.