

Meeting Details

Subject:	Joliet City Center Partnership Board Meeting
Date:	Thursday, July 11, 2024
Time:	8:00 a.m. – Virtual Meeting
Participants	Monica Cicimov, Jen Howard, Susy Huerta, Tiffany Johnson, Bryce Jordan, Bryan Kopman, Megan Millen, Toni Granholm, Doug Pryor, Ron Romero, Diana Viveros, Howard Wright, Jim Roolf, Brian Kincaid, Dave DiLorenzo, Cornell Lurry
Did not attend:	Michele Arana, Jennifer Bertino-Tarrant, Tim Brophy, Mayor Terry D’Arcy, Amber Duffy, Greg Peerbolte, Wade Welsh
Staff Members:	Priscilla Cordero, Vicki Sanchez
Guests:	Christa Desiderio, Deputy City Manager, City of Joliet Elaine Bottomley, Deputy Chief of Staff, Will County Executive’s Office Paulina Martinez, Economic Development Director, City of Joliet
Meeting Handouts:	July 2024 Board of Directors Agenda; June 20, 2024 Minutes; Financial Reports: June 2024; 311 N. Ottawa Grant Application; Business Continuity Grant.

Meeting Notes

- I. Call to Order**
 - i. Monica Cicimov called the meeting to order at 8:02

- II. Chair’s Report**
 - i. Monica stated that the Board Outing to the Slammers Game is scheduled for July 30th.

- III. Approval of Minutes**
 - i. **BOARD ACTION:** Motion to approve the June 20, 2024 Minutes as presented by Monica Cicimov.
 1. Motion – Tiffany Johnson
 2. Motion Seconded – Dave DiLorenzo
 3. Vote
 4. All in favor-Motion Approved.

IV. Approval of Financials

- i. June Draft Financials were presented by Priscilla Cordero.
- ii. **BOARD ACTION:** Motion to approve the draft June financials as presented by Priscilla Cordero.
 1. Motion – Doug Pryor
 2. Motion Seconded – Toni Granholm
 3. Vote
 4. All in favor-Motion Approve

V. Marketing Committee

- i. Tiffany Johnson stated Kiz Fest is scheduled for August 3rd and planning is going well. Light up the Holidays planning is also underway.
- ii. A joint project with the Slammers is planned for 815 night. In order to bring attendees back downtown after 8/15 night, the idea of doing 815 scratch off tickets each providing a prize to a downtown business as well as a grand prize of \$815 and two \$81.50 prizes. In order to make this project work, Tiffany requested a vote for a budget of \$1,500 for this event.
 1. Motion – Ron Romero
 2. Motion Seconded – Megan Millen
 3. Vote
 4. All in favor-Motion Approve

VI. Economic Development Committee

- i. Jim presented a \$75,000 grant for John Bays' redevelopment of 311 N. Ottawa Street. John Bays is converting 139 units that was previously owned and operated by the Joliet Housing Authority into mid-scale apartments. His total investment into the project is over \$13 million.
 1. **BOARD ACTION:** Motion to approve a \$75,000 grant for John Bays as presented by Jim Roof.
 2. Motion – Jen Howard
 3. Motion Seconded – Ron Romero
 4. Vote
 5. All in favor-Motion Approve
- ii. Jim also presented a request to ask City Council for another \$50,000 from the SSA for the Business Continuity Grant Program.
 1. Motion –Jen Howard
 2. Motion Seconded – Doug Pryor
 3. Vote
 4. All in favor-Motion Approve

VII. Beautification Committee

- i. Megan Millen stated we are moving forward with the Utility Box project in partnership with the Arts Commission. Artists have been commissioned and we are waiting on submissions.

VIII. Owners & Managers Association

- i. Jen stated the next OMA meeting is August 1st and will be held at Fusion Natural Hair & Braid Academy.

IX. Staff Report

- i. Priscilla stated that Henry has been working on a property database project in order to list all properties in the SSA. He has also been working on updating all our businesses in EDC Forge, our CRM software.
- ii. Priscilla stated she will be taking CEcD exam next month.
- iii. Black Cat Curiosities will be having a soft opening shortly.
- iv. Rapid Healthcare had a soft opening and expects to be fully open soon.
- v. Priscilla thanked the city for their work in getting the downtown construction project bids approved.

X. City Report

- i. Christa Desiderio stated that the downtown construction project bids were approved by city council and work will begin end of July/early August.
- ii. The city is working on finalizing details on the Business Continuity Grant Program and will go to city council for approval in August or September.

XI. Other Business

- i. Doug provided an update on the RERZ program stating that the city has been approved for the program but an official application needs to be submitted to DCEO.
- ii. Cornell Lurry asked for an update on the floodplain and Jim Roolf stated he reached out to Senator Durbin's office and is awaiting a response.

XII. Adjourn

- i. Motion – Doug Pryor
- ii. Second – Megan Millen
- iii. Vote
- iv. All in Favor – Motion Approved
- v. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 a.m.