

Meeting Details

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

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 July 11, 2024 Minutes as presented by Monica Cicimov.
 1. Motion – Tim Brophy
 2. Motion Seconded – Michele Arana
 3. Vote
 4. All in favor-Motion Approved.
- III. Approval of Financials**
 - i. July Draft Financials were presented by Priscilla Cordero.

- ii. **BOARD ACTION:** Motion to approve the draft July financials as presented by Priscilla Cordero.
 - 1. Motion – Dave DiLorenzo
 - 2. Motion Seconded – Tim Brophy
 - 3. Vote
 - 4. All in favor-Motion Approve

IV. Marketing Committee

- i. Tiffany Johnson presented a \$500 event grant request from Fusion Foundation for a kids back-to-school event.
 - 1. Motion – Ron Romero
 - 2. Motion Seconded – Howard Wright
 - 3. Vote
 - 4. All in favor-Motion Approve

V. Beautification Committee

- i. Megan Millen stated the Utility Box project in partnership with the Arts Commission and the City of Joliet is well underway. Artists have submitted artwork, CCP has selected a vendor, and we are working with the city to ensure the vendor meets the city’s requirements in applying the artwork to the boxes.

VI. Economic Development Committee

- i. Jim Roof stated that Congress has introduced the Water Resources Development Act legislation and it has passed the House. He has reached out to see if this legislation has any impact on the downtown levy. He has also reached out to Congresswoman Underwood’s office to engage them on this issue.

VII. Owners & Managers Association

- i. Priscilla stated that the OMA meeting on August 1st was held at Fusion Natural Hair & Braid Academy. The Joliet Fire Department provided an update on different community programs including how they are working with the unhoused in the downtown.

VIII. Staff Report

- i. Priscilla stated that Black Cat Curiosities is expected to open 8/15 in conjunction with 815 night.
- ii. Construction on Chicago Street has begun.
- iii. Planning for October events as well as Light up the Holidays are well underway.
- iv. We are hosting a seminar for businesses in the SSA – “Getting Ready for the Holiday Season” on September 26th. Michele Arana will be our speaker.

IX. City Report

- i. Christa Desiderio was unable to attend, but provided this report in advance:
- ii. The City recently approved the equipment for the license plate reader, allowing for enforcement of two hour free parking in the future.
- iii. The City's Downtown Continuity Grant is scheduled for the September 17th Council Meeting agenda.
- iv. Downtown Construction is underway – we continue to meet with the businesses to address concerns, are finalizing fence signage to promote the square, and remind everyone businesses are open during construction.
- v. The City's Check-in Challenge is still underway – please continue to promote this marketing campaign to benefit the City's museums and cultural events.

X. Adjourn

- i. Motion – Tim Brophy
- ii. Second – Bryce Jordan
- iii. Vote
- iv. All in Favor – Motion Approved
- v. Meeting adjourned at 8:36 a.m.