



Joliet City Center Partnership Board of Directors Meeting

August 13th, 2026 – 8:00 AM

CCP Office, 203 N Ottawa Street, Suite 100, Joliet, IL

Call-in Number: 815-723-1800, extension 7000. Pin Number: 0116

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Presiding: Mike Paone, Board Chair

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| I. | Call to Order | Mike Paone |
| II. | Minutes – July 9 th , 2026, | Board Action |
| III. | Financials | Board Action |
| IV. | Chair's Report | Mike Paone |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• SSA Presentation / Steering Committee Meeting – August 11th, 2026 | |
| V. | Economic Development Chair Report | Brian Kincaid |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Waiting on City approval to submit the grant application for Audio Phils' new sign, which has already been approved.• Federal Reserve Forum – August 12, 2026 at Renaissance Center 12:00pm in collaboration with JJC-ECB & Joliet Region Chamber of Commerce and Industry | |
| VI. | Beautification | |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Recommendations for new Chair?• Start gathering quotes for winter planters• Window wrapping / Directions map and social picture opportunity on windows - Old Route 66 diner and other vacant windows on that property | |
| VII. | OMA Chair Report | Susy Huerta |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• OMA – Aug 6th at Joliet Collective - Recap | |

Next OMA, Date: Thursday October 1st, Maison Marianna, Owner: Savanna Wilhelmi & Gina Duffy, 124 N Ottawa st., Joliet IL 60432, Time: 8:00am

Marketing Chair Report

Tiffany Johnson

- Half page promo in the new Heritage Corridor Travel Magazine
- New Committee member - Janet Hosey – Communications Manager – Joliet Library

- 3 grants approved by committee to recommend to the Board: **Board Action**
- Ama Love- Quinceañera fashion show in City Square Aug 9th - \$1000
- LEDA – Fiesta in la plaza in City Square - \$2000
- Will County Film Festival - Rialto Theater - \$1500

VIII. Staff Report

Emmanuel Lopez

- Status Group – Spotlight Project: 3-month trial focused on non-core downtown business spotlights, including 12 videos per month, filming and editing, location scouting, content calendar, caption recommendations, monthly shoots, and monthly performance reports, with an additional focus on promoting Restaurant Week. (This project was approved by the board in December)
- Kids fest update - Kids Fall Fest Date – September 19th
- Business and Brews – Only 3 businesses registered for one-on-one sit-downs
- Met with T & T CDL Training Academy about new business opening at 81 N Chicago- Business will be located on the 3rd floor, they are ineligible for assistance
- Express Line - new project coming to 420 Woodruff Rode - Express Line who are investing \$6 million into a site improvement project in Joliet to establish their logistics business in Joliet. They expect to create 130-140 new jobs. Will meet with them on 8/11 to go over eligibility for grant assistances.
- Sabor Latino project- Meeting on 8-13-26
- 2027 Budget: Goal is to have it completed by October 30th and submitted to city, prior to my paternity leave.
- Janye Bernhard – Planning Director City of Joliet – Will give zoning presentation on October 8th Board Meeting (CCP is on the steering committee). She will also give a short presentation at the next OMA October 1st

Black Joy – Aug 29th – 52 parade entries – 22 booths – 4 food truck entries (SOLD OUT)
Mexican Independence Day Parade - September 12 – 12 entries so far MTD

Light up the Holiday Parade November 27th – Title Sponsor locked in First Secure Bank
Kids Fest- September 19th - Reopening registration to get more vendors for new date
Restaurant week – October 9th – 18th