

Meeting Details

Subject:	Joliet City Center Partnership Board Meeting
Date:	Thursday, April 23, 2026
Time:	8:02 a.m.
Participants	Mike Paone, Monica Cicimov, Megan Millen, Tiffany Johnson, Brian Kincaid, Tim Brophy, Amber Duffy, Michele Arana, Bryce Jordan, Pepe Sanchez, Howard Wright, Christa M. Desiderio, Elaine Bottomley
Did not attend:	Ron Romero and Paulina Martinez
Call-in:	Greg Peerbolte, Susy Huerta, Cornell Lurry
Staff Members:	Emmanuel López, Jesica Aguirre
Guests:	
Meeting Handouts:	April 2026 Board of Directors Agenda; March 2026 Minutes & Financial Reports

Meeting Notes

- I. Call to Order**
 - i. Mike Paone called the meeting to order at 8:02 a.m.
- II. Approval of Minutes**
 - i. **BOARD ACTION:** Motion to approve April Minutes as presented by Paone. Motion to approve by Cicimov; seconded by Brophy. Motion carried anonymously.
- III. Approval of Financials**
 - i. March 2026 financials were presented. **BOARD ACTION:** Motion to approve the March 2026 financials as presented; Motion to approve by Millen; seconded by Cicimov. Motion carried unanimously
- IV. Board Chair Report - Paone**
 - i. Continuing Work in Special Service Area (SSA)
 - ii. Current SSA reserves are over \$800,000. Looking into beautification of the SSA area

- iii. Thirty different items have been whiteboard to make SSA thrive
- iv. With MOU expiring soon, update and rewriting will be needed
- v. Seeking plans for alcohol to be consumed outside of restaurants

V. Marketing Committee – Tiffany Johnson

- i. **BOARD ACTION:** Motion to approve the grant application for the Chicago Street Market every Friday at an amount of \$1,500 made by Monica .C, seconded by Duffey . Motion carried unanimously
- ii. **Events coming up are Sounds on 66 May 1, Open house Rialto May 3, Sneak Peek with the Joliet Region Chamber of Commerce June 18, Restaurant Week June 19- June 28, Race Fan Rally July 2**
- iii. Finalizing the Sneak Peak with the Joliet Region Chamber of Commerce event
- iv. Collaboration with City of Joliet for Restaurant week that features all of Joliet with focus on downtown
- v. Race Fan Rally event sponsorships range from \$500 - \$20,000
- vi. Request has been sent to Nascar to bring Museum drive-in
- vii. New logo for Kids fest
- viii. Involvement in MID and Black Joy will be administrative

VI. Economic Development Committee – Brian Kincaid

- i. Currently no new grants
- ii. Grants that weren't applied correctly should be reviewed and help with getting approval
- iii. Formally taking notes during Economic Development Meeting

VII. Beautification Committee – Megan Millen

- i. Community Clean Up Day will be held April 22, 2026
- ii. Joliet seemed cleaner than past years
- iii. Flowers will be installed no later than mother's day

VIII. Owners & Managers Association Chair Report – Megan Millen & Susy Huerta

- i. OMA met April 2nd at Richardson's; 10-12 attendees with great conversation and future insight
- ii. The next OMA will be in June 4 location and speaker are TBD

IX. Staff Report - Emmanuel

- i. Hired new Marketing and Event Coordinator, Jesica Aguirre
- ii. Emmanuel went to convention and gained valuable insight on thriving communities
- iii. Implement strategic strategies to Joliet
- iv. Casa Catrina has issue with customers overstaying; Emmanuel has planned meeting with restaurant owner

X. City Report – Christa M. Desiderio

- i. There are currently three proposed ordinances City Square

- ii. Plans to paint and beautify deck in the summer
- iii. Construction in Deck
- iv. Social District in Chicago St. 6 month pilot program

XI. Other Announcements

- i. Elaine mention County is in beginning stages for new county building; looking at former courthouse
- ii. Monica see's new business open up in SSA area and doesn't receive reports of this like in past. Mike mentions collaboration with economic development to create report

XII. Adjourn

- i. Motion to adjourn by Brophy; 2nd by Johnson. Motion carried unanimously
- ii. Meeting adjourned at 9:02 a.m.

These minutes were respectfully submitted by Jesica Aguirre, Staff (815)774-6064