



Meeting Details

Subject:	Joliet City Center Partnership Board Meeting
Date:	Thursday, March 12, 2026
Time:	8:00 a.m.
Participants	Roof, Huerta, Cicimov, Desiderio, Johnson, Lurry, Veeck, Wright, Sanchez, Kincaid, Jordan, Viveros, Arana, Bottomley, Millen, Paone
Did not attend:	Jennifer Bertino-Tarrant, Mayor Terry D’Arcy, Bryan Kopman, Wade Welsh,
Call-in:	Duffy and Brophy
Staff Members:	Emmanuel Lopez
Guests:	
Meeting Handouts:	March Board Meeting Agenda, February Minutes & Financial Reports, Star Wars Day event grant application, and Flower Planters quotes

Meeting Notes

- I. Call to Order**
 - i. Mike Paone called the meeting to order at 8:04 a.m.
- II. Approval of Minutes**
 - i. **BOARD ACTION:** Motion to approve the March Minutes as presented by Paone. Motion to approve by Cicimov; seconded by Arana. Motion carried unanimously.
- III. Approval of Financials**
 - i. February 2026 financials were presented. **BOARD ACTION:** Motion to approve the February 2026 financials as presented;. Motion to approve by Millen; seconded by Cicimov. Motion carried unanimously
- IV. Board Chair Report - Paone**
 - i. Updated board about the ongoing discussion for a SSA study RFP to be conducted by the City of Joliet to determine whether or not all properties



within the boundary are being properly accounted for as well as exploring the best designation of the area. Options could include an SSA, a TIF District, a BID (Business Improvement District), or another form. City hopes to have approval of study in April and be all wrapped up by November. Ongoing discussions will take place.

- ii. Reminder to all that the SSA district does officially expire at the end of the year so depending on findings of study will need to either rollover into a new SSA agreement or look at the suggested alternative(s). In addition, the MOU with the City will need to also be re-established.
- iii. Search is underway to fill Marketing & Events position
- iv. CCP Presentation to City Land Use & Economic Development committee will be on March 18

V. Marketing Committee – Tiffany Johnson

- i. **BOARD ACTION:** Motion to approve the grant application for the Star Wars Day at an amount of \$1,500 made by Cicimov, seconded by Jordan. Motion carried unanimously – minus an abstention from Millen.
- ii. Shamrock Stroll is all set with a t-shirt giveaway for the first 200 that participate in data survey. Still looking for sponsors and volunteers to assist with check-in
- iii. Plans in progress for Sounds on 66 to be first event in city square. Working with bands and Heritage Corridor Destinations to pass out water bottles to kick off their weekend program for the anniversary.
- iv. Many other event plans underway for remainder of the year.

VI. Economic Development Committee – Brian Kincaid

- i. Committee is always looking at improvements to the grant documents to make sure it is easy to follow for those interested in applying. Ironing out ongoing procedures to reach maximum efficiency.

VII. Beautification Committee – Megan Millen

- i. Committee is pleased with the addition of banners on Collins Street. Designs will feature both Route 66 and America 250 celebrations.
- ii. **BOARD ACTION:** Downtown Planters Update. Quotes were shared from three different businesses for flowers, installation, and removal. Low bid was in the amount of \$25,700 from Duke’s Landscaping. Duke’s received committee recommendation. A motion was made by Cicimov to approve going forward with the recommendation of Duke’s Landscaping, it was seconded by Jordan. Motion carried unanimously – minus an abstention from Arana.

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

- i. April 2nd will be the next meeting at Richardson’s. It will be in the format of an “Interview” based Fireside Chat presentation featuring Ann Sylvester from the City of Joliet. An option will be set up for those who need translating.
- ii. Next meeting will take place on June 4



IX. Staff Report - Emmanuel

- i. Updates were shared on the Sounds of 66 event, Race Fan Rally, Mexican Independence Day parade, Black Joy parade
- ii. Six interviews have been conducted for the PT job and will be participating again in the CED summer intern program
- iii. Will be attending the Main Street America conference in April during the week of the 13th

X. City Report –

- i. ETOD zoning update to multi-family underway, comprehensive plan is moving along nicely with participation highly encouraged.
- ii. Special events manager has been hired
- iii. Traveling exhibit of Remembering the Fallen will come to Joliet June 11-14
- iv. Event schedule for the city square anticipated to be finished and shared at the end of March – sponsorships will be available
- v. A Rt. 66 bench grant is in progress for the square and Collins St.

XI. Joliet Comprehensive Plan Update

- i. Jim Roolf shared progress of the plan and the committee work, reviewing how they put together the scope of the project – consultant hired and workshops conducted
- ii. Looking to chart the vision of the future, respond to change, plan for opportunities and create a unified citywide framework, strengthen regional & local collaboration, focus on implementation, and empower local leadership
- iii. 5 phases – What remains? Draft version March – July '26 / Final Plan Aug '26 – Jan '27
- iv. All urged to be involved as leaders and stakeholders

XII. Other Announcements

- i. Big House ball game tickets on sale, but moving fast
- ii. Michelle invited all to her event next Saturday

XIII. Adjourn

- i. Motion to adjourn by Millen; 2nd by Cicimov. Motion carried unanimously
- ii. Meeting adjourned at 9:01 a.m.

These minutes were respectfully submitted by Mike Paone