

Meeting Details

Subject:	Joliet City Center Partnership Board Meeting
Date:	Thursday, May 14, 2026
Time:	8:02 a.m.
Participants	Mike Paone, Monica Cicimov, Megan Millen, Tiffany Johnson, Brian Kincaid, Tim Brophy, Amber Duffy, Christa M. Desiderio, Elaine Bottomley, Paulina Martinez, Susy Huerta, Cornell Lurry, Night Train Veeck
Did not attend:	Pepe Sanchez, Howard Wright,
Call-in:	Greg Peerbolte, Michele Arana, Bryce Jordan,
Staff Members:	Emmanuel Lopez, Jesica Aguirre
Guests:	
Meeting Handouts:	July 2026 Board of Directors Agenda; April 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 with corrections to approve by Brophy; seconded by Cicimov. Motion carried anonymously.
- III. Approval of Financials**
 - i. April 2026 financials were presented. **BOARD ACTION:** Motion to approve the April 2026 financials as presented; Motion to approve by Millen; seconded by Cicimov. Motion carried unanimously
- IV. Board Chair Report - Paone**
 - i. Ron Romero announced their resignation due to increased commitments and Diana Viveros is working with City Of Joliet now and will resign to previous role.

Motion to approve by Cicimov; seconded by Brophy. Motion carried unanimously

- ii. The board discussed evaluating downtown properties and determining the most practical path forward under current deadlines
- iii. Updates were provided regarding the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the city
- iv. Continued discussion took place regarding the downtown business list and follow up conversations with City staff.

V. Marketing Committee – Tiffany Johnson

- i. Survey results from recent events were reviewed
- ii. Marketing updates included increased social media engagement, new followers, and Facebook growth
- iii. Positive feedback was given regarding event branding and sponsorship efforts.
- iv. The board recognized Jesica's work in branding, marketing, and sponsor outreach
- v. Planning for the Race Fan Rally on July 2 is progressing as scheduled. Event packets are complete, two sponsors have committed to the simulator, and additional sponsorship outreach continues.
- vi. KidsFest packets are prepared
- vii. Black Joy Parade plan continues
- viii. Staff continue promoting downtown events on the City's website
- ix. Planning continues for Star Wars Day

VI. Economic Development Committee – Brian Kincaid

- i. The committee did not hold a meeting; therefore, there were no major announcements
- ii. Discussion was held regarding Baby Cheesesteak's request for a grant opportunity
- iii. CCP will have booth at the Power Conference

VII. Beautification Committee – Megan Millen

- i. Flowers have been planted throughout downtown
- ii. Downtown cleanup efforts continue with June 3rd being next cleanup date and volunteer opportunities were discussed
- iii. Funding availability for additional projects is being explored
- iv. Members emphasized the importance of maintaining a positive first impression throughout downtown
- v. Volunteers will receive an email with signup information

VIII. Owners & Managers Association Chair Report – Susy Huerta

- i. June 4 at 3pm was identified as the tentative OMA meeting date
- ii. Needs to confirm with Brian if OMA meeting will be held at JJC

IX. City Report – Paulina & Christa M. Desiderio

- i. Reported that the deck is scheduled to be painted
- ii. Reported that additional police officers, including a sergeant, will be assigned to the downtown area
- iii. The proposed City Ambassador program would provide a visible downtown presence during peak hours to assist visitors and support public safety efforts
- iv. Discussed the Social District Pilot Program

X. Staff Report - Emmanuel

- i. Introduced Jessica, the new Event and Marketing Coordinator
- ii. Reported continued discussions with NASCAR regarding the trailer
- iii. Shared that plans for the museum project are not moving forward at this time
- iv. Discussed expanding the organization's social media presence by launching Instagram, TikTok, and Snapchat to engage a broader audience across multiple generations
- v. Noted that the organization is currently managing a busy event schedule
- vi. Announced that the summer intern will begin on May 25 and will focus on projects related to his major, with an emphasis on analytical work
- vii. Reported that the website now includes fillable area

XI. Other Announcements

- i. There will be no Executive Board meeting in June, but there will be a Board of Directors meeting

XII. Adjourn

- i. Motion to adjourn by Cicimov; 2nd by Millen. Motion carried unanimously
- ii. Meeting adjourned at 8:55 a.m.

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