



Joliet City Center Partnership Board of Directors Meeting

September 11th 2025 8:00 a.m.

CCP Office, 203 N. Ottawa, Suite 100, Joliet, IL 60432

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

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Presiding: Monica Cicimov, Board Chair

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| I. | Call to Order | Monica Cicimov |
| II | Minutes – August 14 th 2025 | Board Action |
| . | Financials | Board Action |
| III. | Chair Report | Monica Cicimov |
| IV. | Marketing Committee Chair Report | Tiffany Johnson |
| V. | | |
| ● | Event Grant Requests: | Board Action |
| ○ | Fright & Delight | |
| ○ | Azteca de Oro Trunk or Treat | |
| VI. | Economic Development Chair Report | Mike Paone |
| ● | Grant Payouts | |
| - | The Matisse | |
| - | Magda Y Diana’s Salon | |
| VII. | Beatification Committee Chair Report | Megan Millen |
| VIII. | OMA Committee Chair Report | Megan Millen |
| IX. | Staff Report | Emmanuel Lopez |
| X. | City Report | |
| XI | Other Business | |
| . | Adjourn | Board Action |
| XII. | | |

Upcoming Events: Mexican Independence Day Parade- September 13th, **Spirits with the Spirits-** October 24th, **Stone & Steel Spooky 5k-** October 4th, **Light up the Holidays-** November 28th

Meeting Details

Subject:	Joliet City Center Partnership Board Meeting
Date:	Thursday, August 14, 2025
Time:	8:07 AM
Participants	Elaine Bottomley, Monica Cicimov, Christa Desiderio, Amber Duffy, Tiffany Johnson, Brian Kincaid, Paulina Martinez, Mike Paone, Ron Romero, Ann Sylvester, Howard Wright
Did not attend:	Jennifer Bertino-Tarrant, Tim Brophy, Mayor Terry D'Arcy, Dave DiLorenzo, Bryan Kopman, Doug Pryor, Diana Viveros, Wade Welsh
Call-in:	
Staff Members:	Michele Arana, Susy Herta, Bryce Jordan, Cornell Lurry, Megan Millen, Greg Peerbolte Emmanuel Lopez, Vicki Sanchez
Guests:	
Meeting Handouts:	August 2025 Board of Directors Agenda; June 2025 Minutes & Financial Reports; Kidz Fest Presentation; Grant Application-Home for Holidays; Holiday Planters Quotes; Yo Amo Joliet

Meeting Notes

- I. **Call to Order**
 - i. Monica Cicimov called the meeting to order at 8:07 a.m.
- II. **Approval of Minutes**
 - i. **BOARD ACTION:** Motion to approve the June 12, 2025 Minutes as presented by Monica Cicimov.
 - i. Motion to approve by Romero; seconded by Wirght
Motion carried unanimously.
- III. **Approval of Financials**
 - i. June 2025 draft financials were presented. Financials are currently in draft so no formal vote was taken.
- IV. **Board Chair Report – Monica Cicimov**



- i. Welcome to new Executive Director Emmanuel Lopez and thank you to Vicki Sanchez for all the work she has done during the Director hiring process.
- ii. Update on attendance at the Bicentennial Bluffs neighborhood meeting where Cicimov and Johnson presented on CCP
- iii. Overview of success of Kidz Fest

V. Marketing Committee – Tiffany Johnson

- i. Restaurant week (July 19th-July 17th) was successful
- ii. Surveyed attendees at Kidz Fest about Downtown Joliet. 200 people completed the survey, results are in the Kidz Fest Presentation
- iii. Grant applications:
 - a. Rialto Square Theater Home for the Holidays Marketing Committee recommended funding \$500 towards this event.
 - i. **BOARD ACTION:** Motion to approve \$500 to the Rialto Square Theater for Home for the Holidays as presented by Tiffany Johnson. Motion to approve by Johnson; seconded by Paone. Motion carried unanimously
- ii. Overview of upcoming events

VI. Economic Development Committee – Mike Paone

- i. Continuing to pay out previously awarded grants
- ii. Thank you to Vicki for all the work and partnership!
- iii. Have met with 4 potential new businesses
- iv. Will be starting an Economic Development review to ensure that all materials and information are up to date and easily understandable

VII. Beautification Committee – Megan Millen

- i. **BOARD ACTION:** Motion to approve the lowest cost quote for Holiday Planters for \$5,433.82 as presented by Megan Millen.
 - i. Motion to approve by Peerbolt; seconded by Duffy. Arana abstained, Motion carried unanimously.

VIII. Owners & Managers Association Chair Report – Megan Millen

- i. August 3rd meeting at Joliet Slammers was a success
- ii. Next Meeting will be in October. Any ideas for speakers and location would be appreciated

IX. Staff Report – Emmanuel Lopez

- i. Emmanuel shared that he is excited to be here and appreciated of the welcome and opportunity.
- ii. Vicki did a great job with Kidz fest

- iii. Thank you to Emily the intern for her work through the summer
- iv. Emmanuel will be booking meetings to touch base with everyone to see what vision everyone has for Downtown.
- v. Shared excitement about the dunk tank at New Orleans North on Friday August 15th. (Emmanuel, Christa and Amber will be taking shifts in the dunk tank).
- vi. Starting to look at the website to assess and make improvements to increase user friendliness
- vii. Getting quotes for technology- laptop and cell phones. Once these are purchased business cards will be printed.

X. City Report – Christa Desiderio, Paulina Martinez, Ann Sylvester

- i. General construction updates- for most up to date information visit Joliet.gov/downtown
- ii. Parking updates:
 - i. 2 hour free parking will begin on September 1st and the City has a communications plan so residents are aware
 - ii. Do not park on Chicago Street during the construction
- iii. If having events CERT team has capabilities to volunteer. Contact Christa if additional information or a contact is needed for this
- iv. No additional updates on Ruby & Cass Bridges, additional information is being requested from IDOT
- v. FY25 Continuity Grants only has one application so far
- vi. Paulina is going to be discussing sidewalk café permits with local businesses
- vii. The economic development team has an Instagram (@cityofjoliet_econdev) and a LinkedIn page (City of Joliet Economic Development) give both a follow!
- viii. Ann Sylvester introduced herself and shared her appreciation for the warm welcome. She is setting up meetings and shared her priorities of City Square, Route 66 & Bicentennial Park

XI. Other Announcements

- i. Cicimov thanked Paone and Desiderio for their support and time during the Executive Director hiring process

XII. Adjourn

- i. Motion to adjourn by Paone; Seconded by Johnson. Motion carried unanimously
- ii. Meeting adjourned at 8:51 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted.

Elaine Bottomley, Acting Secretary

