

City of Joliet

150 West Jefferson Street
Joliet, IL 60432



Meeting Minutes - Pending Approval

Thursday, May 14, 2026

4:30 PM

City Hall, Council Chambers

Diversity & Community Relations Committee

Committee Members

Councilwoman Suzanna Ibarra, Chairperson

Councilman Joe Clement

Councilman Juan Moreno

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ROLL CALL

Present Joe Clement, Suzanna Ibarra and Juan Moreno

ALSO PRESENT: Community Development Director Dustin Anderson, Cultural Affairs & Special Events Director Ann Sylvester, Special Events Manager Charlene Boyd, CDBG Program Manager Brigette Roehr, and Records Coordinator Lauren Helland

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the September 11, 2025 Diversity & Community Relations Committee Meeting

[TMP-9894](#)

Attachments: [Diversity & Community Relations 9.11.25 Meeting Minutes \(3\).pdf](#)

A motion was made by Councilman Juan Moreno, seconded by Joe Clement, to approve Minutes of the September 11, 2025 Diversity & Community Relations Committee Meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Clement, Ibarra and Moreno

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD ON AGENDA ITEMS

None

This section is for anyone wanting to speak regarding agenda items and are allowed a maximum of 4 minutes. It is not a question and answer period and staff, and the Committee members do not generally respond to public comments. The City Clerk has a copy of the public speaking procedures; please note, speakers who engage in conduct injurious to the harmony of the meeting shall be called to order by the Presiding Officer and may forfeit the opportunity to speak.

NEW OR OLD BUSINESS, NOT FOR FINAL ACTION OR RECOMMENDATION

Black Joy Parade Update

[TMP-9893](#)

Special Events Manager Charlene Boyd provided an overview of the Black Joy Parade taking place on Saturday, August 29, including the parade route, a City Square community celebration following the parade, event organizers, history of the parade, parade timeline, and five parade committees.

Councilwoman Ibarra asked a question regarding contact with the original founders of the parade. Charlene Boyd responded.

Cultural Affairs & Special Events Director Ann Sylvester explained the parade would have a limit of 50 units.

Councilman Moreno inquired who was on the committee chaired by Boise Walker. Charlene Boyd responded.

Councilwoman Ibarra welcomed Charlene Boyd to the City of Joliet.

CDBG Update Presentation by Brigette Roehr, CDBG Program Manager[TMP-9892](#)

Councilwoman Ibarra welcomed CDBG Program Manager Brigette Roehr to the City of Joliet.

Brigette Roehr provided an overview of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program, including the 2025 - 2029 Consolidated Plan approved in 2025 by City Council, eligibility criteria, project categories, 2026 HUD allocation totals, the application process, the number of applications received for 2026, evaluation criteria, and the owner-occupied minor home repair program.

Councilman Moreno asked a question regarding the owner-occupied minor home repair program, and Brigette Roehr responded.

Brigette Roehr and Community Development Director Dustin Anderson requested feedback from the Committee regarding the eligibility requirements for the senior snow removal program.

Councilman Moreno asked a question about the senior snow removal program's eligibility requirements, and Brigette Roehr responded.

Councilwoman Ibarra and Councilman Clement noted they would like to review the eligibility requirements further.

Brigette Roehr discussed the next steps for the 2026 CDBG Program. Dustin Anderson explained the next committee meeting would include discussion of application scores.

Councilman Clement welcomed Brigette Roehr to the City and noted that the Committee's efforts to expand outreach to organizations and distribute funding more broadly had been successful. Brigette Roehr discussed outreach efforts to nonprofit organizations.

Councilwoman Ibarra asked that Brigette Roehr provide ongoing presentations to the City Council and begin presentations earlier next year.

Councilman Moreno asked a question regarding funding related to the economic development category, and Brigette Roehr responded.

Councilwoman Ibarra asked whether unused funds from the previous year were available, and Brigette Roehr responded.

Councilman Clement proposed setting a date for the next meeting. The Committee agreed to hold the next meeting on May 28 at 4:30 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

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ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Joe Clement, seconded by Councilman Juan Moreno, to adjourn. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Clement, Ibarra and Moreno

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