

City of Joliet

150 West Jefferson Street
Joliet, IL 60432



Meeting Minutes - Pending Approval

Thursday, July 16, 2026

4:30 PM

Executive Conference Room, City Hall

Diversity and Community Relations Committee

Committee Members

Councilwoman Suzanna Ibarra, Chairperson

Councilman Joe Clement

Councilman Juan Moreno

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ROLL CALL

Present Councilman Juan Moreno, Councilman Joe Clement and Councilwoman Suzanna Ibarra

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Diversity & Community Relations Committee Meeting
Minutes - May 28, 2026**

[TMP-10084](#)

Attachments: [May 28, 2026 Meeting Minutes.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Councilman Joe Clement, seconded by Councilman Juan Moreno, to approve Diversity & Community Relations Committee Meeting Minutes - May 28, 2026.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Councilman Juan Moreno, Councilman Joe Clement and Councilwoman Suzanna Ibarra

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD ON AGENDA ITEMS

None

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AGENDA ITEM

Snow Removal Program Eligibility

[TMP-10082](#)

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program Manager Brigitte Roehr provided an overview of the Snow Removal Program and presented staff recommendations for updated eligibility requirements, including individuals over 80 years of age, disabled or mobility impaired, SNAP recipients, veterans, and those who live alone.

Council members and Ms. Roehr discussed the proposed eligibility requirements, the point-based scoring system, the number of program openings, the importance of communicating eligibility requirements to applicants, and the contractor bidding process. They also discussed informing participants that program funding covers snow removal for up to three snowfall events.

A motion was made by Councilman Juan Moreno, seconded by Councilman Joe Clement, to approve Snow Removal Program Eligibility.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Councilman Juan Moreno, Councilman Joe Clement and Councilwoman Suzanna Ibarra

NEW OR OLD BUSINESS, NOT FOR FINAL ACTION OR RECOMMENDATION

CDBG PY2026 Update Presentation

[**TMP-10081**](#)

Ms. Roehr provided an overview of the CDBG evaluation criteria and application challenges, including intake processes, flood zones, property ownership, prevailing wage requirements, and applicants' ability to cover project costs until reimbursement is received.

Council members and Ms. Roehr discussed the importance of communicating eligibility requirements to nonprofit organizations and strengthening connections among nonprofits.

Ms. Roehr provided an update on the Owner-Occupied Rehab Program.

Ms. Roehr also discussed the potential development of a nonprofit academy funded by CDBG administrative dollars to educate nonprofit organizations about the CDBG program and application process.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

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ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilman Juan Moreno, seconded by Councilman Joe Clement, to adjourn.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Councilman Juan Moreno, Councilman Joe Clement and Councilwoman Suzanna Ibarra

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