

City of Joliet

150 West Jefferson Street
Joliet, IL 60432



Meeting Minutes - Pending Approval

Tuesday, December 12, 2023

4:30 PM

City Hall, Council Chambers

Diversity & Community Relations Committee

Committee Members

Councilman Cesar Guerrero, Chairperson

Councilman Joe Clement

Councilwoman Suzanna Ibarra

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ROLL CALL

Present Councilman Joe Clement, Councilman Cesar Guerrero and Councilwoman Suzanna Ibarra

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[TMP-6767](#)

Attachments: [110723](#)

A motion was made by Councilwoman Suzanna Ibarra, seconded by Councilman Joe Clement, to approve the Diversity & Community Relations Committee Minutes--11/7/23. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Councilman Clement, Councilman Guerrero and Councilwoman Ibarra

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD ON AGENDA ITEMS

None.

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GIVE SOMETHING BACK, NFP - PRESENTATION

Ms. Shameco Moore, Coordinator of Community & Student Engagement with Give Something Back, appeared before the Committee with a presentation about what the organization, Give Something Back, is about.

Councilwoman Ibarra asked how many students they have from Joliet West and Joliet Central. Ms. Moore responded.

Councilman Clement commented on the phenomenal program.

SPANISH COMMUNITY CENTER – FACILITY IMPROVEMENT, CDBG PROGRAM YEAR 2023

[TMP-6768](#)

Attachments: [SCC Diversity Memo](#)

Ms. Kristi McNichol, Housing Finance Specialist, appeared before the Committee with background information about the Spanish Community Center-Facility Improvement, CDBG Program Year 2023 and the Latino Economic Development Association (LEDA)-Microenterprise, CDBG Program Year 2023.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Suzanna Ibarra, seconded by Councilman Joe Clement, to recommend for approval the Spanish Community

Center-Facility Improvement, CDBG Program Year 2023 and the Latino Economic Development Association (LEDA)-Microenterprise, CDBG Program Year 2023. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Councilman Clement, Councilman Guerrero and Councilwoman Ibarra

LATINO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION (LEDA) - MICROENTERPRISE, CDBG PROGRAM YEAR 2023

a. LEDA, Presentation of Accomplishments

This was approved with the Spanish Community Center agenda item above.

[TMP-6769](#)

Attachments: [LEDA Diversity Memo](#)

Ms. Diana Viveros, Program Manager at LEDA, gave a brief presentation of the accomplishments and updates from the past year.

Councilman Guerrero commented on the importance and the impact of the efforts that LEDA is making.

NEW OR OLD BUSINESS, NOT FOR FINAL ACTION OR RECOMMENDATION

NOTICE OF DISPLAY OF CAPER & PUBLIC HEARING

[TMP-6770](#)

Attachments: [PUBLIC NOTICE 2](#)

Ms. McNichol gave an update on the review of the CAPER.

Councilwoman Ibarra inquired about informational meetings. Ms. McNichol responded.

Councilman Guerrero requested updates for the Consolidated Plan.

Councilman Clement asked for an explanation of CDBG and where it comes from for the people in attendance. Ms. McNichol explained. She also explained the Administration portion of CDBG.

Councilman Clement would like to see a small portion of the money to go to improvements of sidewalks and beautify some homes in the front for people that can not afford to. Ms. McNichol responded.

Councilwoman Ibarra asked what the process will be for a senior resident that can't afford a sidewalk. Ms. McNichol responded.

Councilwoman Ibarra is interested in the sidewalk that goes around the park that

is next to the Warren-Sharpe Community Center.

Councilman Clement asked if there can be a map created to outline the areas that need work the most. There was minor discussion.

Councilwoman Ibarra asked for a breakdown how the money has been equitably distributed to District 5. Ms. McNichol responded.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Trista Brown, Speak Up Organization, commented on the viaduct on 4th Avenue that is deteriorating. She also thanked the Joliet Police for finding a missing young woman in Peoria.

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ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilwoman Suzanna Ibarra, seconded by Councilman Joe Clement, to adjourn. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Councilman Clement, Councilman Guerrero and Councilwoman Ibarra

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