Galin Brooks is President & CEO of the Rochester Downtown Development Corporation (RDDC). Prior to her position in Rochester, NY, Galin served as Director of Planning and Placemaking at the DowntownDC Business Improvement District and, prior to that, was Vice President of Planning and Economic Development at the NoMa Business Improvement District. She received her master’s degree in Urban Planning from New York University.

Galin is an avid open space advocate and a planner with a background in community and economic development. During her 6+ years at the NoMa BID, Galin oversaw transformational projects for the neighborhood — including the Metropolitan Branch Trail Safety and Access Study, an update to the NoMa Streetscape Design Guidelines, and the North Capitol Street Needs Assessment. In her time at the DowntownDC BID, she focused primarily on parks projects, active transportation, and the public realm, working on projects such as the transformation of Franklin Park, the K Street Transitway, and the DowntownDC Parks Master Plan. Through the management of RDDC and the Rochester Downtown Partnership, her focus will be to help downtown Rochester build on the great energy and activity here today and continue to grow as a resilient, dynamic, thriving, and inclusive community.

Currently, she lives in the city of Rochester with her family. In her free time, she enjoys getting outside and exploring new areas and the great outdoors. Galin looks forward to discovering more of the greater Rochester area and all that it has to offer.