

LA JUNTA CERTIFIED LOCAL GOVERNMENT

**CALL TO ORDER:** The Certified Local Government Board held a regular meeting on Monday, January 13, 2025 at 4:03 p.m. in the Council Chambers. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Nancy Bennett.

Board Members Present

Absent

Nancy Bennett  
Toni Madrid  
Ben Mason

Erin Monroy

**Subject to approval at the  
April 14, 2025  
Cert Local Gov't Meeting**

Also present: Cristian Estrada, Deputy City Clerk/CLG Secretary  
Aimee Hill, CLG Director  
Erika Lively, La Junta

**CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:** There was no citizen participation.

**MINUTES:** October 24, 2024

Chairperson Bennett asked if there were any corrections or additions to be made to the October 24, 2024 minutes. Hearing no corrections or additions, a motion was made.

**MOTION THAT THE OCTOBER 24, 2024 CLG REGULAR MINUTES BE ACCEPTED AS PUBLISHED: MADRID**

**SECOND: MASON**

**DISCUSSION:** There was no discussion

**VOTE:** The motion carried unanimously (Monroy absent)

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:** Director Aimee Hill informed the committee that there is currently no treasurer. It is dependent on the board to decide whom will be the next treasurer, or to have the Secretary and Treasurer. The board agreed to combine both positions.

**MOTION THAT THE TREASURER POSITION BE COMBINED WITH THE SECRETARY POSITION AND TO HAVE CRISTIAN ESTRADA FULFILL THE ROLE OF SECRETARY/TREASURER: MADRID**

**SECOND: MASON**

**DISCUSSION:** There was no discussion

**VOTE:** The motion carried unanimously (Monroy absent)

The financial statement for CLG is as follows:

Balance Forward	+\$7,000.00
2025 New Balance	+\$7,000.00
Saving Places	-\$ 600.00
Survey Cash Match	-\$ 5019.00
<u>La Junta Rotary</u>	<u>-\$1,210.00</u>

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Balance                      \$ 7,171.00

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**A. East La Junta Survey Project (information):**

1. Director Hill stated that she has not heard much from the representatives for the East La Junta Survey project. They have in fact, however, sent through the first invoice for work that has been completed.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. Officers:**

1. Chairman – Ben Mason was nominated for Chairman of the CLG. Mason inquired what the Chairman position entailed?
  - a. Director Hill: We get together to discuss agenda items, as well as plan dates for work sessions, now that CLG only meets officially once a quarter. The Chairman would also hold the Director accountable. Currently, it is not a work-heavy position and most of the duties can be fulfilled as a group.

MOTION THAT THE CHAIRMAN POSITION BE FULFILLED BY BEN MASON:  
BENNETT

SECOND: MADRID

DISCUSSION: There was no discussion

VOTE: The motion carried unanimously (Monroy absent)

2. Vice Chairman – Toni Madrid was nominated for the Vice Chairman position of the CLG.

MOTION THAT THE VICE CHAIRMAN POSITION BE FULFILLED BY TONI MADRID:  
BENNETT

SECOND: MASON

DISCUSSION: There was no discussion

VOTE: The motion carried unanimously (Monroy absent)

**B. Director Comments:**

- a. Board Vacancy - With the new schedule for the CLG meetings, I anticipate that the meetings will run shorter since we are scheduling work sessions on the months that there is no meeting. We currently do have a vacancy and Melanie Scofield, City Clerk, will be managing the post of the available CLG board position. We are only required to have five (5) members of our board; if we would like to visit adding more members, we can at the next meeting or work session.
- b. Saving Places – Ben Mason and I are registered for the Saturday camp. Toni Madrid has received communication emails from the representatives of the Saving Places conference. There should be emails and communication going out to register, however, we do not need to worry about registering, as I have already done the registration process. The training videos will be provided via email, and I am trying to see if we can run the videos here, so we can complete the Saving



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**A. Governing Body Comments:**

- a.** Toni Madrid mentioned that she has been contacted by Otero County CLG. They would like to work together with La Junta CLG to further historical preservation of buildings within the City of La Junta. Director Hill mentioned that she will reach out to the county to gather more information, and whether it would be possible to conduct occasional business together.
- b.** Ben Mason inquired about the next meetings and times. Is it possible to add the new meeting dates and times to the minutes or agenda, just to be informed for future meetings?
  - i.** Nancy Bennett spoke with Cristian Estrada about adding the next meeting times to the end of each agenda.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:38 p.m.

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Cristian Estrada, Deputy City Clerk

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Nancy Bennett, Chairperson