

LA JUNTA CERTIFIED LOCAL GOVERNMENT

CALL TO ORDER: The Certified Local Government Board held a regular meeting on Thursday, March 9, 2023 at 5:37 p.m. in the Council Chambers. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Nancy Bennett.

Board Members Present

Absent

Joe Ayala
Nancy Bennett
Christine Coffield
Trevor Herasingh
Daniel Horton
Toni Madrid
Justin Miller
Randall Roberson
Lily Sweikert

Subject to approval at the
April 13, 2023
Cert Local Gov't Meeting

Also present: Cynthia Nieb, Economic/Urban Renewal Director
Melanie Scofield, City Clerk/UR Secretary
Erika Lively, La Junta
Bette McFarren, Rocky Ford Gazette

MINUTES: January 12, 2023

Chairperson Bennett asked if there were any corrections or additions to be made to the January 12, 2023 minutes. Hearing none, a motion was made by Joe Ayala, seconded by Trevor Herasingh, that the minutes for January 12, 2023 be approved as published. The motion carried unanimously.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS: February 2023

Cynthia Nieb: There is a balance of \$14,000.00.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Bylaws and Ordinance No. 1579: The Historic Preservation bylaws have been completed. The Board members need to review these bylaws and let Daniel Horton know if you have any comments or questions. There is still some city matters that need to take place first before the process of appointing members can be solidified.

B. CLG Historic Survey Application: The last historic survey turned out wonderful. It would be nice to have another survey done moving to the east from Raton Avenue including First, Second and possibly Third Streets. Many of these buildings are the tiny little houses left from the railroad. This is an underserved community. After completing a historic survey of this

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area, these buildings can become locally designated and would be able to apply for historic preservation residential tax credits. Once they're locally landmarked, the Board can assist them in applying for state historic fund grants to help them pay for perhaps the exterior of their building. Along with this, Cynthia is getting an extension on another grant. A different representative from one of the funders is ready to give more money to La Junta. It would be nice to use that money to help some of these neighborhoods. The Director asked for a \$5,000 catch match.

MOTION TO APPROVE A \$5,000 CASH MATCH FOR ANOTHER CLG GRANT FOR A HISTORIC SURVEY EAST OF RATON AVENUE FROM 1ST THROUGH POSSIBLY THIRD STREETS: Herasingh

SECOND: Ayala

DISCUSSION: There was no further discussion

VOTE: The motion passed 8-0 (Roberson abstained)

C. CLG Director Comments:

1. On the Road Again Conference: The On the Road Conference is coming to La Junta on August 25th and 26th through Colorado Preservation Inc. Many of the sessions are going to be concerning the Plaza Building. The conference itself will take place upstairs at the Fox Theatre. There will be a dinner will be at The Fairway. The Presbyterian Church will be opened up to serve meals from. There will be street vendors and performances by local artists. The Director asked for \$9,000 towards the Conference.

MOTION TO APPROVE \$9,000 FOR THE ON THE ROAD CONFERENCE TO BE HELD IN LA JUNTA ON AUGUST 25TH AND 26TH: Madrid

SECOND: Herasingh

DISCUSSION: There was no further discussion

VOTE: The motion passed 8-0 (Horton abstained)

2. **Miscellaneous Grants:** Applied for grants for two snow plows, over \$600,000, for the City.

D. Governing Board Comments:

1. Toni Madrid: Need to correct her address to be 35 Mountview.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:03 p.m.

Melanie R. Scofield, Secretary

Nancy Bennett, Chairperson