

LA JUNTA CERTIFIED LOCAL GOVERNMENT

CALL TO ORDER: The Certified Local Government Board held a regular meeting on Thursday, May 25, 2023 at 5:30 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
Randall Roberson

Lily Sweikert

**Subject to approval at the
June 22, 2023
Cert Local Gov't Meeting**

Also present: Cynthia Nieb, Economic/Urban Renewal Director
Melanie Scofield, City Clerk/UR Secretary

MINUTES: April 13, 2023

Chairperson Bennett asked if there were any corrections or additions to be made to the April 13, 2023 minutes. Hearing none, a motion was made by Christine Coffield, seconded by Toni Madrid, that the minutes for April 13, 2023 be approved as published. The motion carried unanimously.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS: April 2023

Beginning Balance	\$14,000.00
Cash Match for Survey on the eastern part of town	(\$5,000.00)
On the Road Conference on August 25th & 26th	(\$9,000.00)
	\$0.00

Chairperson Bennett asked for a motion to accept the financial report. A motion was made by Daniel Horton, seconded by Trevor Herasingh that the financial report for April 2023 be approved as given. The motion carried unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- A. **Bylaws and Ordinance No. 1579 (Horton):** There's a situation with ordinance 1579 designating that the La Junta Historic Preservation Advisory Board is currently attached to the city Planning Commission. We need a motion to go ahead and request an amendment from the city with that ordinance so that the La Junta Historic Preservation Advisory Board can be a separate governing body/entity and operate as such.

MOTION TO ALLOW THE LA JUNTA HISTORIC PRESERVATION ADVISORY BOARD TO BE DETACHED FROM THE CITY PLANNING COMMISSION: Herasingh
SECOND: Roberson

DISCUSSION: This will allow others in the community to be members on this board as well as Urban Renewal members having that same option. The City of La Junta funds the CLG with \$7,000 per year. This board generally doesn't give out money it is more about information support.

VOTE: The motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. CLG Director Comments:

1. **People's Choice Award:** It was an awesome event showing the importance of the Southeast Colorado region. The award was handmade by an artist using fused glass and the colors represent the different cultures that settled in La Junta.
2. **Dana Crawford Award Ceremony:** Cynthia was asked to attend by the manager of the Colorado main Street program. La Junta received six Main Street Open for Business grants.
3. **Ernest House Jr.:** His staff talked to Cynthia about working with the Center for Tribal and Indigenous Engagement and to work with La Junta. They're willing to work with us and that's something they do not do regularly. It's an honor that they focused on us.
4. **Patrick Eidman, Deputy State Historic Preservation, State of Colorado:** He suggested that we partner with an organization called Colorado Lynching Memorial Project. In 1902, a black man was lynched in town. There's been a lot of controversy that has to do with that. It's part of our history just like anything else. They are a community based, volunteer run, non-profit organization working to promote racial justice and racial reconciliation in our state by documenting the history of racial terror lynching, advocating for full acknowledgement of those murders and ensuring that those whose lives were taken in these brutal campaigns are remembered with honor and dignity. We would need to put a committee together, recognize that it happened and possibly do some more research. It has to do with history and what happened at that sight.

5. **US Army Garrison, Fort Carson:** Received an email that they have been looking at the management of historic branches that are within the boundary of Pinon Canyon maneuver site. They're working through several aspects of management including defining the risk of properties such as floods, wildfires and severe weather. They are also reviewing best management practice for prioritizing their limited maintenance resources and mitigations for structures that requires maintenance to be deferred. They would like to get on the agenda for a future La Junta Historic Preservation Board meeting to get feedback and brainstorm ideas with the members. They are looking to local communities to help make better and more implementable decisions and to leverage the Board Members expertise. Both Toni and Trevor would like to be a part of this project.

MOTION TO DEVELOP A SUBCOMMITTEE TO ADDRESS THE PINON CANYON
MANEUVER HISTORICAL SITE: Madrid

SECOND: Herasingh

DISCUSSION: There was no discussion

VOTE: The motion carried unanimously

B. Governing Board Comments:

1. There were no governing board comments.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:54 p.m.

Melanie R. Scofield, Secretary

Nancy Bennett, Chairperson