

LA JUNTA CERTIFIED LOCAL GOVERNMENT

CALL TO ORDER: The Certified Local Government Board held a regular meeting on Thursday, October 24, 2024 at 4:50 p.m. in the Council Chambers. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Nancy Bennett.

Board Members Present

Absent

Nancy Bennett
Christine Coffield
Toni Madrid
Erin Monroy
Ben Mason

Trevor Herasingh
Lily Sweikert



Also present: Melanie Scofield, City Clerk
Cristian Estrada, Deputy City Clerk
Aimee Hill, Building Code Official/CLG Director

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: There was no citizen participation.

MINUTES: September 26, 2024

Chairperson Bennett asked if there were any corrections or additions to be made to the September 26, 2024 minutes. Hearing no corrections or additions, a motion was made that the minutes for September 26, 2024 be approved as published.

MOTION THAT THE SEPTEMBER 26, 2024 CLG REGULAR MINUTES BE ACCEPTED AS PUBLISHED: MADRID

SECOND: MASON

DISCUSSION: There was no discussion

VOTE: The motion carried unanimously

FINANCIALS STATEMENTS: The annual budget of \$7,000. has been encumbered as follows:

Saving Places	\$ 600.00
Survey Cash Match	\$5,190.00
RF Gazette Ad	\$ 45.00
La Junta Rotary	\$1,165.00
Balance	\$ 0.00

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. New Meeting Time:

1. Director Aimee Hill stated that she understood that they would rather have the new meeting time take place in January 2025, however, it would be best to separate CLG from URA. CLG only needs to meet quarterly rather than monthly. Work sessions could then instead take place of regular meetings between the new meeting times. The meetings for the 2025 calendar year are as follows: January 13th, April 14th, July 14th, and October 13th (the October meeting date is more tentative, due to scheduling conflicts/holiday; this will need to be a flexible day).

MOTION TO MOVE CLG MEETING TIMES FROM MONTHLY TO QUARTERLY IN 2025 ON DISCUSSED DATES, WITH OCTOBER BEING TENTATIVE: MASON

SECOND: MONROY

DISCUSSION: There was no discussion

VOTE: The motion carried unanimously

B. Appointment/Training of Board Members

1. Director Hill: Prices were finally released for the Saving Places training in Colorado Springs is \$225 per person. The online option is \$165 for the first person and adding individual people only goes up \$30. The online option saves quite a bit of money than rather attending in person completely. This training will encompass three (3) all-day sessions.
2. Nancy Bennett: made comments regarding how going to the in-person trainings is significantly beneficial due to the fact of networking with other CLG members, as well as gaining new perspectives and information from other people throughout the state.
3. Toni Madrid: I personally like the in-person, group dynamic; is it possible to do the online option as a whole CLG group? This is, in fact, a possibility. The board agrees with whatever the decision will be for attending/participating in the trainings.
4. Ben Mason: Inquired what encompasses the content of the daily trainings; is it possible to attend only one day in Colorado Springs and the rest can be done online? Or is it possible to send a few people the first day, different people the second and so on? Even a combination of in-person/online so that any new information is gathered by different members. Director Hill to inquire about the options on attendance/participation of the trainings prior to making any concrete decisions.

C. East La Junta Survey Project Presentation

1. Director Hill informed the board that Erica and Amy Unger will be down on November 14th for a presentation; advisory group is preparing to deliver emails to the group. Once all the details have been worked out, Director Hill will deliver more information to the board.
2. Chairperson Bennett inquired whether the survey was only directed at Black communities and not other communities.
3. Erin Monroy: responded that it may be specific to only Black communities; upon further investigation by Toni Madrid, it is regarding any/all POC communities, as well. This can be further clarified by the speakers coming in on November 14th.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. CLG Director Comments:

1. CLG information, as well as the historical survey will be sent out to the board. Lindsey Fluelling is available to do a Zoom meeting. There is a board appointment occurring, also due to the fact that Trevor Herasingh's seat expiring this year.
2. It was questioned whether the upcoming training is required to attend; Director Hill stated, yes, because this training is CLG-specific; and they need at least one (1) member in attendance, as per CLG requirements.
3. A question was raised by Toni Madrid, referring back to the URA's rubric, there's a scored section that asks about whether a property is historic or not. Also, it was brought up what is specifically nationally registered. There is a list that contains information on properties

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that have already been nationally registered and historically registered. Director Hill also asked about if a property has to be first locally registered before it is able to be nationally registered.

More discussion surrounding Urban Renewal's involvement in Certified Local Government's affairs; perhaps the URA could work together with CLG for grants/sharing of earned tax credits from historical buildings. This is a good question to discuss with Urban Renewal's board, as well. Another question brought up was what is earned/incentive for being locally registered? Is there a certificate earned? Is there a plaque? Chairperson Nancy Bennett agreed with the idea of having plaques installed for every historically/locally designated properties.

4. Ben Mason questioned the process for scheduling a special work session whether it needs to be requested through the director only, or if it should be discussed within the board. Director Hill responded that it doesn't need to be approved through her; the request can be made to the board via email.

B. Governing Body Comments: None

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:13 p.m.

Cristian Estrada, Deputy City Clerk

Nancy Bennett, Chairperson