

LA JUNTA URBAN RENEWAL AUTHORITY

CALL TO ORDER: The La Junta Urban Renewal Authority Board of Commissioners held a Regular Meeting on Thursday, May 23, 2024 at 4:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Bennett.

Board Members Present

Absent

Nancy Bennett

Trevor Herasingh – arrived at 4:08 p.m.

Daniel Horton – via Zoom at 4:04 p.m.

Toni Madrid

Erin Monroy

Randall Roberson

Lily Sweikert

Joe Ayala

Christine Coffield

**Subject to approval at the
July 1, 2024
Urban Renewal Meeting**

Also present:

Cynthia Nieb, Economic/Urban Renewal Director

Melanie Scofield, City Clerk

Aimee Hill, Building Code Official

Ben Mason, La Junta

Bette McFarren, RF Gazette

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:

There was no citizen participation.

MINUTES: April 25, 2024

Chairperson Bennett asked if there were any corrections or additions to be made to the April 25, 2024 minutes. Hearing none, a motion was made by Randall Roberson, seconded by Toni Madrid, that the minutes for April 25, 2024 be approved as published. The motion carried unanimously.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS: April 2024

The 2024 budget is \$456,000.00 less \$9,550.52 in expenses and \$500.00 in encumbrance leaving a remaining budget of \$445,949.48.

Chairperson Bennett asked if there were any questions or corrections regarding the April 2024 financial statements. Hearing none, a motion was made by Lily Sweikert, seconded by Erin Monroy, that the financial statements for April 2024 be approved as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS:

A. Plaza Building

Chairperson Bennett: Working on the final details for the final grant from the State Historical Fund. The Chair will schedule another tour of the building.

B. LJ URA Grant/Loan Update

Cynthia Nieb: Received three grant applications. All applications needed additional information to complete the application. Director Nieb gave instruction on what was needed to each applicant. These applications will be reviewed at the next meeting.

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NEW BUSINESS

A. Urban Renewal Director:

1. The Library will be hosting a SBDC training this Saturday on how to start a business. Then on June 1st, that same training will be held in Spanish.
2. Will be leaving for Ireland on June 10th.
3. Will not be attending the July meeting. Will be at a Summit by the Colorado Health Foundation.
4. Presenting to CHAFA on May 31st.
5. Erin Monroy finished the Economic Development dashboard for the new website.

B. Governing Body Comments:

1. Group Discussion: There are several Board members who will not be able to attend the June meeting but would like to give their input on the applications. After some discussion, it was decided to reschedule the June board meeting to July 1, 2024 at 4:00 p.m. It was also decided that the three grant applications would be sent to the Board no later than June 17th to give the Board members time to review each application.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

Melanie R. Scofield, City Clerk

Nancy Bennett, Chairperson