

LA JUNTA URBAN RENEWAL AUTHORITY

**CALL TO ORDER:** The La Junta Urban Renewal Authority Board of Commissioners held a regular meeting on Thursday, November 14, 2019 at 4:00 p.m. at the CORE Building (upstairs). The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Bennett.

Board Members Present

Absent

Nancy Bennett  
Rebecca Goodwin  
Trevor Herasingh  
Justin Miller  
Chad Penner  
Cisco Perez  
Jeffri Pruyn

Also present:

Cynthia Nieb, Economic/Urban Renewal Director  
Melanie Scofield, City Clerk/UR Secretary  
Aliza Libby-Tucker, Director of Finance  
Randall Roberson, La Junta  
Bette McFarren, Tribune Democrat

**CITIZENS PARTICIPATION:**

Randall Roberson: After speaking with Cynthia about which projects I would qualify for, there's only going to be \$2,000. That I can apply for. After a \$70,000 renovation budget to the building and \$50,000 purchase price, that amount is just not worthy anybody's time to fill out and try to do anything. I appreciate what you guys are trying to do in the community (the CORE Building and the Plaza), but that doesn't leave any money left over for the smaller businesses downtown. (Discussion continued regarding different options or ways assistance could be given.)

**MINUTES:** October 10, 2019

Chairperson Bennett asked if there were any corrections or additions to be made to the September minutes. Rebecca Goodwin and Cynthia Nieb made several corrections to clarify the minutes. A motion was made by Justin Miller, seconded by Nancy Bennett, that the minutes for October 10, 2019 be approved as corrected. The motion carried unanimously.

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:** October 2019

Chairperson Bennett asked if there were any questions regarding the October financial statements. Aliza shared that Rick Miell is still gathering numbers together regarding the solar lighting for the "La Junta" signs. Hearing none, a motion was made by Justin Miller, seconded by Rebecca Goodwin, that the financial statements for October 2019 be approved with additional focus on correcting the payments for the Lusk Lease where the sign on the west end of town is located. The motion carried unanimously.

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MOTION TO GIVE PERMISSION FOR ALIZA TO PURSUE MAINTENANCE ON THE SIGN LIGHTING ON THE LUSK PROPERTY TO BE APPROPRIATELY LIT: Miller

SECOND: Goodwin

DISCUSSION: There was no further discussion

VOTE: The motion carried unanimously

**PROJECT UPDATES:**

**A. Mike Bourget**

The improvements have been completed. The brick repair and the new overhead door was has been installed. He will be submitting cost statements and requesting reimbursement.

**B. SECCP**

Report from Jane Daniels: The stabilization for Phase I is done and the roof will be installed sometime in the next few weeks. There will be an onsite meeting next Thursday, November 14<sup>th</sup> with the SHF and engineer and architect regarding Phase II.

Rebecca Goodwin: Phase I is completely done. We were able to use all of the contingency fund that was built into the grant. A budget revision has been made and we have submitted for the final payment. Today was also the kick off meeting for Phase II. We should be under contract with Brownsfield by December 15<sup>th</sup>. The SHF grant for Phase III went in the first of October. We are also looking at grants for a year from now.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Urban Renewal Director:**

1. **New Urban Renewal Members** – The Board has chosen Christine Coffield and TJ Martinez as our newest members.

MOTION TO RECOMMEND TO CITY COUNCIL THE APPOINTMENT OF CHRISTINE COFFIELD AND TJ MARTINEZ TO THE LA JUNTA URBAN RENEWAL AUTHORITY BOARD: Goodwin

SECOND: Miller

DISCUSSION: There was no further discussion

VOTE: The motion carried unanimously

2. **Certified Local Government Scholarship** – There were requests for \$19,176 from 146 people with only \$2,968 available. I will begin reservations and getting things lined out. There wasn't a big chance that we were going to get that anyway.

3. **Rebecca Goodwin** – Shared a history of Certified Local Governments in America.

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4. **History Colorado** – Will be having a webinar in January on “Lead and Asbestos in Historic Buildings.” They will also talk about mold, radon and indoor quality issues.
5. **4<sup>th</sup> & Hayes** – The current owner of the storage units next to this property would like to submit a proposal to the Board within the next few months.

**B. Governing Body Comments:**

1. There were no Governing Body comments.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

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Nancy Bennett, Chairperson