



CRETE ED ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

May 13th, 2025 at 3:00 PM
Crete City Hall, 243 East 13th Street

MINUTES

Notice of the meeting was given by posting, the appointed method for giving notice as shown by the attached notice, at the following locations:

City Hall, 243 East 13th Street
Post Office, 1242 Linden Avenue
City Bank and Trust, 1135 Main Avenue

Advance notice of the meeting was also given to committee members. Pursuant to Section 84-1412(8) of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act, the City has posted a current copy of the Open meetings Act, Laws of the State of Nebraska, in the back of the council chambers. All proceedings shown were taken while the meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

1. Open Meeting

2. Roll Call

Manny Dimas: Present
Paul Heath: Present
Ken Marvin: Absent
Liz Umana: Absent
Jayden Hilkemann: Present
Present: 3, Absent:2,
Liz Umana arrived at 3:04 p.m.

3. Consent Agenda

3.A. Meeting Minutes

3.A.1. March 31st, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Paul Heath motioned and Manny Dimas seconded to approve the March 31st, 2025 meeting minutes.

Paul Heath: Aye, Jayden Hilkemann: Aye, Manny Dimas: Aye

3.B. Financial Report

City Administrator Tom Ourada explained the Financial Report and stated that it is the same as last time and there will be an updated report at the next meeting.

Ourada explained that the Blue River Arts Council will be submitting another application for a loan guarantee. There will be discussion at the next City Council meeting about the City of Crete deeding a minority share of the Isis Theater to BRAC to enhance their equity position. Ourada reminded the LB840 Advisory Committee that LB840 program sunsets in November and it will be up to a community vote to renew the program.

Paul Heath motioned and Liz Umana seconded to approve the financial report.
Paul Heath: Aye, Liz Umana: Aye, Jayden Hilkemann: Aye, Manny Dimas: Aye

4. Special Order of Business

4.A. City of Crete Economic Development Plan

4.A.1. Status of Investments with Performance Requirements

4.A.2. Housing

4.B. Applications for Consideration

4.B.1. Consider the LB840 Application from Crystal Alarcon

City Administrator Tom Ourada explained that this application is from Crystal Alarcon for Crystal's Bakery to help renovate the exterior front and side of the building. They plan to reconstruct the wall, add new wood covering with new material and stucco to match the side of the building. Ourada stated that Alarcon's project would cost \$9,000 and could qualify up to 50% of the cost which is \$4,500.

Paul Heath motioned and Manny Dimas seconded to approve the LB840 Application from Crystal's Bakery in the amount up to \$4,500.

Paul Heath: Aye, Liz Umana: Aye, Jayden Hilkemann: Aye, Manny Dimas: Aye

4.B.2. Consider the LB840 Application from Julieta Lozano for Majo Jewelry

City Administrator Tom Ourada stated that they will discuss this application at the next meeting. City Attorney Anna Burge explained that this item needs to be tabled so that they can get more information from the applicant.

Paul Heath motioned and Manny Dimas seconded to table the LB840 Application from Julieta Lozano for Majo Jewelry.

Paul Heath: Aye, Liz Umana: Aye, Jayden Hilkemann: Aye, Manny Dimas: Aye

4.B.3. Consider the LB840 Application from Valerie Cochnar for Uneta Boutique.

City Administrator Tom Ourada explained that this LB840 Application is from Valerie Cochnar for Uneta Boutique to help her business expand by seeking funds to purchase a commercial-grade embroidery machine to custom-stitch apparel and accessories. Ourada explained that the applicant is seeking assistance with the purchase of the machine that costs \$12,388.55 and could qualify for up to 50% of the cost, which is about \$6,194.

Paul Heath motioned and Liz Umana seconded to approve the LB840 Application from Valerie Cochnar for Uneta Boutique in the amount up to \$6,194.

Paul Heath: Aye, Liz Umana: Aye, Jayden Hilkemann: Aye, Manny Dimas: Aye

4.C. Application Introductions

5. Officers' Reports

LB840 Advisory Committee Chair Paul Heath asked if people can apply for LB840 funds multiple times. City Administrator Tom Ourada stated that, yes, it can be applied for multiple times. Manny Dimas: Present

Paul Heath: Present

Ken Marvin: Absent

Liz Umana: Present

Present: 3, Absent:1, Vacancy: 1

City Administrator Tom Ourada stated that he asked City employees to attend board and commission meetings to learn about all the different things that the City of Crete is doing.

6. Adjournment

Paul Heath motioned and Manny Dimas seconded to adjourn the meeting at 3:16 p.m.

Paul Heath: Aye, Liz Umana: Aye, Jayden Hilkemann: Aye, Manny Dimas: Aye