

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC MEETING

AN AGENDA OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE *Fort Concho Museum Board* THE CITY OF SAN ANGELO, TEXAS

January 19, 2021 3:30 pm
Fort Concho Stables Hall 236 Henry O Flipper Street

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I. OPEN SESSION

- A. Call to Order
- B. Determination of a quorum
- C. Approval of excused absences
- D. Introduction of Guests
- E. Presentations
- F. Public Comment

The Board takes public comment on all items in the Regular Agenda. Public input on a Regular Agenda item will be taken at its appropriate discussion. Public input on an item not on the Agenda or Consent Agenda may be identified and requested for consideration by the Board at this time. The Board may request an item to be placed on a future agenda, or for a Consent Agenda item, to be moved to the Regular Agenda for public comment.

II. CONSENT AGENDA

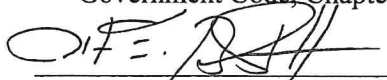
- 1. Consideration of approving the November 17, 2020 Minutes
- 2. Treasurer's Report
- 3. Site Manager's Report

III. REGULAR AGENDA: PUBLIC HEARING AND COMMENT

- 4. Nominations Report and Approval of Officers for 2021
- 5. Buildings & Grounds Report
- 6. Review of 2021 Events Calendar and Pandemic Condition Adjustments
- 7. Review of Proposal of Memorial Plaque for Fort Concho Living History Volunteers
- 8. Collections Report and Consideration and Approval of Collections Acquisitions
- 9. Briefing on Humanities Texas Grant Project for Fort Concho Exhibit and Interpretation Plan

10. Update on Barracks & Mess Halls 3-4 Reconstruction Project
11. Fort Concho Foundation Report
12. Staff News
13. Future Agenda Items
14. Adjournment

Given by order of the Fort Concho Museum Board and posted in accordance with Title 5, Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, Friday, January 15, 2021

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. F. Bluthardt", written over a horizontal line.

Robert F. Bluthardt
Site Manager
Fort Concho

Fort Concho Museum Board Meeting

Tuesday, October 20, 2020

Open Session

Call to Order, Determination of Quorum, Approval of Excused Absences

Vice President Sherley Spears called the meeting to order at 3:35 p.m. The meeting was held at the Fort Concho Commissary Building, East Avenue C at Burgess Street. The Commissary is large enough to allow for Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) protocols as the coronavirus pandemic continues. All persons in attendance wore proper facial coverings in accordance with CDC guidelines.

Attending were: Sherley Spears, Joyce Lowe, Lori Barton, Monty Stanley, Sarah Howell, Brandon Allen, Dr. Jason Pierce, Dave Schaller, Lisa Marley

Absent were: Kathy Keane, Roger Banks, LTC Brian Ryan, Dr. Wayland Cooksey, Curtis Milbourn

A quorum was established. Ms. Spears asked for a motion to excuse absences. Mr. Stanley made the motion, seconded by Ms. Howell and approved by all present.

New Board member, Lisa Marley, introduced herself to the board. She is a 2018 retiree from the City of San Angelo. She was the Human Resources director. She is a proud military family member: her father and brother served in the United States Army.

Introduction of Guests

Guests present: Cory Robinson, Fort Concho Curator; Diann Bayes, Chamber of Commerce Visitors Bureau; Yukio Kuniyuki, III, prospective board member; Kevin Reynolds, Executive Director and Marci Menchaca, Associate Director, House of Faith

Public Comment - Ms. Spears confirmed there were no public comments.

Consent Agenda

Minutes

There were no minutes last month as the Zoom meeting could not be conducted due to technical difficulties.

Treasurer's Report

Site Manager, Bob Bluthardt provided a summary of the treasurer's report in the absence of the board treasurer. Mr. Bluthardt noted that there were no admission fees during the pandemic, but donations increased as a result. August had a bookkeeping error by the city, which was corrected. Rentals ceased during the pandemic, but have begun again recently. With two staff positions open and decreased power and supply costs, the budget is balanced. We may show a slight surplus soon. We face continued issues with the pandemic, but we are in good financial shape at this time.

Motion made by Ms. Howell to approve the treasurer's report, seconded by Mr. Schaller and approved by all present.

Site Manager's Report - Mr. Bluthardt referred the board to the report in the board's packet. There were no questions or comments.

Regular Agenda

House of Faith Program

Kevin Reynolds and Marci Menchaca, from the House of Faith, presented a handout on their organization and a proposal to utilize Fort buildings for their annual holiday event. Proposed set up is December 6, 2020, event December 7-11th and clean up on December 12, 2020. There is no Christmas at Old Fort Concho this year due to the pandemic. Their event is a family centered Christmas party, which would include gift distributions at outdoor stations throughout the Fort, games, a small dinner meal, live Nativity scene, and other traditions of the season. This year's party theme had already been planned as "Cowboy Christmas" so the fort would be an ideal location because it not only fits their theme, but also allows for CDC guidelines. Security will be provided and proposed use includes the stables, quartermaster building, commissary, barracks 6, as well as parts of the grounds as weather permits. Mr. Bluthardt agreed to use of the fort's cannons to round out the celebration. House of Faith will conduct regular sanitation in accordance with CDC guidelines. House of Faith requests use of the facilities in exchange for a small donation to the Fort, as well as a promise of volunteers for the 2021 Christmas at Old Fort Concho event. Following questions and discussions, Ms. Barton moved to authorize House of Faith's use of buildings and grounds, with site manager and staff assisting. Ms. Howell seconded the motion and it was approved by all present. There will be further updates at the November meeting.

Consideration of Collections Acquisitions

Cory Robinson, Fort Curator, brought two groupings of proposed donations.

Peggy Thorsen and Linda Bond propose a donation of approximately 300 small artifacts including stones, tools, and arrowheads. These items represent a typical collection of this type. The donors' proposal is for use in educational presentations and displays. There are also prints and paintings offered.

The Willis family proposes a donation of two pieces. One is a military wardrobe. The Fort currently owns a "twin" wardrobe, which points to authenticity of the offering. The Fort regularly auctioned excess property and, most likely, sold the proposed donation to the donor family. The other object is a Scandinavian style; brass and iron lock with key. The lock is in working condition. It bears a "U.S." stamp. Accordingly, we know it was sold specifically for military use. Made in Philadelphia, the lock was definitely used during the Fort's time or shortly after. The family says that the lock was used on the engine house at the Fort's waterworks.

After discussion of the pieces, Ms. Howell made a motion to accept the approximately 300 piece stones and arrowhead collection, without the offered prints and paintings. Dr. Pierce seconded the motion, which was approved by all present. Ms. Howell made a motion to accept the donation of a military style wardrobe and Scandinavian style, military stamped; brass and iron lock with key. Ms. Barton seconded the motion, which was approved by all present.

Mr. Robinson announced that John Langelier will be in San Angelo for about a week. He will be working with Mr. Robinson and Mr. Bluthardt on a Native American exhibit and a site interpretation plan. Mr. Langelier's visit will be October 31st through the first week of November.

Nominating Committee

Yukio Kuniyuki is nominated as our newest board member. Ms. Barton moved to approve the nomination. Mr. Allen seconded and the motion carried with unanimous approval.

Yesterday, Mr. Bluthardt received a letter from Dr. Cooksey. Dr. Cooksey has resigned his board position. His job has taken him to Crane, Texas.

There are 2-3 positions open on the board. Dr. Cooksey has resigned and Mr. Stanley's position expires as of 2021. There may be one other opening soon. The board needs proposals for new members.

Review of November and December Programs and Events

Ms. Sarah Ross, our fort education specialist, will be using a field camp set-up to present a "ladies' laundress" camp. This was the only female role available in the 1850-1880's military. The camp and educational presentation is proposed for early to mid-November.

Roger Banks has started a period photography studio. He proposes a fundraising event for the November-December timeframe. At this time, it would need to be a 'bring your own costume' event because of the pandemic. Details to follow.

The Fort hopes to present concerts again in the near future. The Community band is interested. The Ice House Brass Band is another possibility. The pandemic has not allowed for rehearsals and we will need to consider possibly offering rehearsal space.

We would like to have a book signing on Thursday, November 5th. We cannot do a Santa event because of social distancing concerns, but Leslie Marshall, our mule master, would like to do a mini petting zoo at some point. The Fort would like to stay relevant for the holidays, but will adhere to CDC guidelines for all events, which presents special challenges.

Rust Street Ministries

Rust Street Ministries has purchased the lot behind Headquarters. They would like to pave the lot with an eventual agreement to share its use with the Fort. In return, Rust Street would like a 25 foot by 150-foot strip of land at the site's far east end by the Hospital. The land is needed to expand their driving lanes. After discussion, Ms. Barton moved to allow Mr. Bluthardt to send a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to the City Attorney for review and adoption to allow the proposed use and exchange. Ms. Marley seconded the motion, which was approved by all present.

No Staff Report – the "murder mystery" event is scheduled for this coming Saturday and it is the only Halloween event this year.

Building Maintenance and Repair Project Updates

There have been some issues with the COVID-19 pandemic, however work on building columns has resumed. They were slow starts to officers' quarters, but the \$629,000.00 project to renew

the exterior of 14 buildings is ongoing. There will be two new air conditioning units added to the commissary building. There were three major storms this year, but overall, we are doing well with repairs and construction.

Fort Concho Foundation Report

Mr. Bluthardt said that investments are holding firm. The Capital Campaign Committee is coming together with key members.

Future Agenda Items

November's meeting will bring an update on the House of Faith event. There may be new collections items offered. We will discuss potential new board members, holiday events, the Rust Street MOU, and construction efforts. We are reminding folks of annual memberships if they have not renewed as of yet. We hope to meet in person again on Tuesday, November 17, 2020 and we hope that we will be able to offer refreshments as we were unable to do so this meeting due to concerns of the pandemic.

Motion to adjourn made by Ms. Barton, seconded by Dr. Pierce, and approved by all present.

Meeting adjourned at 4:49 p.m.



Joyce K. Lowe

Secretary, Fort Concho Museum Board