

Fort Concho Museum Board

Minutes of Meeting Tuesday, February 20, 2018

The Fort Concho Museum Board held its regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, February 20, at Officers' Quarters 8 at 215 East Avenue D.

Fort Concho Board President James Dusek called the meeting to order at 3:32 pm

Present were: Kathy Keane, Roger Banks, Sherley Spears, Darrin Fentress, James Dusek, Lori Barton, Monty Stanley, Sarah Howell, Brandon Allen, CPT Iskandar Atajanow, Wayland Cooksey, Dr. Jason Pierce, Dave Schaller, and Joyce Lowe.

Absent were LTC Yukio Kuniyuki and Kelcey Herrera

Quorum was noted. Roger Banks made a motion to excuse all absences; seconded by Sarah Howell and approved by all present.

Minutes were reviewed. Motion made to approve minutes as written by Lori Barton; seconded by Roger Banks and approved by all present

Darrin Fentress gave the Treasurer's Report, noting no major issues with expenses and income at appropriate levels for this time of the fiscal year. Motion made to accept the report by Roger Banks; seconded by Lori Barton and approved by all present.

Bob Bluthardt gave the Site Manager's Report. He noted the importance of the tourism stats on page 21, the CVB ad on page 22, and the fort's "brag sheet" on page 20. Bob explained the benefits to the fort's Christmas event of the Concho Christmas Lights moving to an earlier weekend. He cited the fort's living history program that assisted at the State Park's Buffalo Soldier event of February 16-17.

He summarized the issues with the fort's mule Tom who is in declining health despite a healthy appetite. Motion made to accept the report by Roger Banks; seconded by Lori Barton and approved by all present.

Nominations Report The new officers proposed for 2018 are Kathy Keane/President; Roger Banks/Vice President; Sherley Spears/Secretary; Darrin Fentress/Treasurer. Lori Barton made the motion to approve that was seconded by Dr. Pierce and approved by all present. Bob Bluthardt thanked James Dusek for his service as board president this past year.

Kathy Keane assumed the chair and conducted the remainder of the meeting

Capital Projects: Bob summarized the process with the OQ 1 project, noting the asbestos survey (negative) and the issues raised by the Fire Marshal's office and the City Permits Inspectors. All should be resolved. Architects are still working on plans for the Barracks/MH 3-4 reconstruction; no new information available.

Bob passed out copies of the key pages summarizing the plans for the Visitor Center/Barracks 1-2 project. He noted the main points that drove the design: keeping offices and first guest orientation at Barracks 1, allowing the offices/basic guest services to remain operational in Barracks 1 or 2 during all construction phases; achieving substantial improvements in the first phase if funding/economy dramatically declined before the second phase could be commissioned. He cited the total cost of the first phase at ca. \$1.4 million, noting that the project still had about \$650,000 from the originally assigned \$1,000,000. Thus the challenge would be to raise about \$750,000 by the fall so the project could be bid out and started after the Christmas event in January. Bob noted that the architect was willing to hold a special briefing for the board, some elected officials, and senior city management officials with a proposed date of March 9, late pm/early evening. The board agreed with this approach; most said they could attend a March 9 briefing; and authorized Bob to arrange the presentation.

Extension of Parking Lot: Lori Barton summarized the need and potential location of this lot extension that would be behind Officers' Quarters 7. Bob noted the need for an archaeological survey. He also recommended that the land necessary for the project be leased and not sold to the SAISD. Discussion followed on design issues, drainage, access, and appearances. Board asked Bob to further research the proposal and report back in March.

Collections: There were no acquisitions at this time. Dr. Pierce summarized a report written by curator Cory Robinson on the fort's human remains donated to the collections generations ago that fell under the NAGRA (Native American Graves and Repatriation Act). Dr. Pierce and Bob noted that the fort was in compliance with the act.

San Angelo Gives: Bob gave a short summary of past participation and asked for board approval of the fort's participating for the May 1, 2018 program. Roger Banks asked if the fort would reference a specific project. Bob said he would like to continue the play on SOS: (Save Our Stuff in 2017 with collections cases) and try a Show Our Stuff in 2018 with display cases. Roger Banks made the motion to approve the fort's participation that was seconded by Dave Schaller and approved by all present.

Removal of East Avenue D: Darrin Fentress passed out a map and cost summaries for the project that would remove the existing paved street and company road, rebuild a company road, improve drainage, and create a parking oval at the east end of the street. The total cost of ca. \$1.5 million assumed no city participation and a high level of contingencies. After some discussion the board asked Bob and Darrin to meet with city staff to refine the costs based on city assistance. Bob thanked Darrin for the extensive work he did for this presentation.

Roof Repairs: Bob noted that a supplier of synthetic shingles in Canada is sending some samples. Repairs and patching has been done on the Bakery, QM,

Commissary, and Headquarters. Bob noted that some roofs do not look good but all continue to shed water. He promised an update next month.

Staff News: Bob noted a new maintenance hire effective early March.

Fort Concho Foundation: the foundation's IRS 990- was completed and filed on time.

Future Agenda Items: all items on this month's agenda for which follow-up was needed

Motion to adjourn made by Sarah Howell; seconded by Roger Banks and approved by all present. Meeting adjourned at 5:07 pm.



Sherley Spears

Secretary/Fort Concho Museum Board