

Fort Concho Museum Board Meeting- Minutes November 13, 2018

The Fort Concho Museum Board held its November meeting November 13, 2018.

Meeting was called to order by President Keane at Fort Concho Officer's Quarters 8-215 E. Avenue D.

A motion was made by Sarah Howell and a second by Jason Pierce to excuse the following members:

Sherley Spears (arrived at 4 pm) Darrin Fentress, and Dave Schaller

II- Consent Agenda

1. Minutes from the October were presented for correction and approval; the following noted corrections were made:

Correct attendance to show that Joyce Lowe was present

Motion to approve minutes with correction made by Sarah Howell with a second by Jason Pierce; motion carried.

- 2- Treasurer's Report- comments that it looks good; income up by \$20,000 and we are within end of year budget. Motion made to accept report by Sarah Howell with second by Wayland Cooksey; Motion carried.

Regular Agenda

Item 12- Closure of Ave. D.- A complaint received that the closure is bad for fire responses. Fire Chief Brian Dunn advised that there is no running lane for fire department; Oakes is too weak for fire trucks; trucks don't go down Ave. D; Ave D is not a good route for trucks. He advised closing Ave. D won't have an effect on fire fighting operations; Bob Bluthardt recommends more collection of data before moving forward and reinstitute the idea in 2019 if the board wants to move forward; Need more thought on how to organize the next meeting and cover issues traffic, safety, drainage, etc.

Item 5-Staff Reports: Rocio presented program Fort Concho After Dark- Murder at Fort Concho-profit of \$500; cancelled Friday and held on Saturday; Saturday turnout was 275 tickets sold, made \$2250 and it was very successful overall- received positive feedback; Showed the reproduction bowls for sale;

Item 11-McChristian Collection- Cory shared 2 pieces we have already received. Fort Concho Foundation- a 501- (C) (3) must raise \$200,000 to purchase collection and the Foundation has pledged half the total cost. Other donations should be directed to the Fort Concho Foundation.

(The Secretary arrived to continue with taking minutes)

McChristian Collection- this is a signature collection that we will purchase. Cory Robinson, Curator, shared detail from two of the uniform items that will be part of the collection; included two uniform jackets and one hat; may be presented as a centerpiece collection for the Visitor's Center. This collection will be one of the largest collections of this type in the United States. It will also include field uniforms from the 1870s-1880's.

Item 9-Cory Robinson wants to donate a shirt- from this period because it will enhance the collection. Motion made by Wayland Cooksey with a second by Lori Barton to accept the donation. Motion carried

There will be a special exhibit of portions we borrowed at Christmas at Fort Concho displayed in our new cases. Various foundation members will solicit funds; foundation will front a portion of the cost.

Question raised- to have Cory Robinson do a special presentation maybe after the first of the year; he will get with the ASU History department to make it a very visual event.

The letter to the McChristian attorney will go out later this week.

Item 7-Fine Arts Museum- MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) about the shared space in the Chase Building; Museum wants to fast track for grant opportunity (Page 22, Sect 1, Paragraph A); 10-year commitment is short; 50 years- looking for long term commitment. Item C- Existing clause originally to convert within 60 years if vacated and returned in good condition within 90 days of vacating the space.

Up to 2000 square feet adjacent to what we already have in the building will be assigned to Fort Concho with the art museum using the remainder space

The process will be: Approval from Fort Concho Board to City Attorney to City Council. Motion made by Jason Pierce with a second by Wayland Cooksey; Motion carried.

Item 8- Property Acquisition. Previously offered to us for \$200k now owner wants to sell for \$70K. It appraised for \$69,500. Fort Foundation will see if it can pay for 1/3. Bob Bluthardt will contact the owner to determine if some of the funds could be donated. Two-thirds of purchase costs will be drawn from the fund balance. The Fort Concho school campus could benefit with the addition of this space; Staff will pursue issue with City Manager and City Council. No motion required to move this forward at this time.

Item 5- Staffing Reports: 2 New Guides have been hired; New maintenance worker didn't show up to work – still have 2 slots open; a decision on the Education position will be made tomorrow. Roger Banks mentioned that there may be options to hire a contract type employee (See item 14)

Item 13- Christmas Event: Event sponsorship is up- need last shift of each day; Schedule is:

Friday and Saturday- 6-8 pm; Sunday 2-4 pm (December 7-9, 2018)

Item 14- Maintenance- The Mayor has expressed concerns about maintenance of fort buildings and Council has allocated \$164K additional funding that has been supplemented by \$60,000 from the State Buildings Fund Balance. Fort and city staff will be assessing all needs and packaging them for contract work and staff action.

Item 15-Foundation report made by Roger.

Item 10- Nominations for Board: Information pending on new terms and newly passed guidelines

Four slots available held by Iskandar Atajanow, James Dusek, Monty Stanley and Darren Fentress; we need names to serve and potential candidates can go to the city website. One name has been suggested- Linda Ashton.

Item 4-Restoration of Barracks 1 & 2 and reconstruction of Barracks/Mess Halls 5 & 6

Area & Health Foundation support will be needed and their directors have suggested that rather than being treated as separate projects they should be packaged into a major campaign. Fort board will further discuss in January; Matt Lewis from Area Foundation may visit with us at the January Board meeting; This will not delay Barracks 1 & 2 much more than originally thought;

President Keane will form team to look at Capital Campaign committee.

One fort mule, Tom has been laid to rest.

An art item from the recent En Plein Air Art Show valued at \$2800 was offered to the fort for \$1400; no action taken

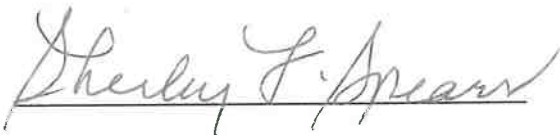
Future Agenda Items:

- Junior League to rent the Stables for an event in 2020 on a Friday- with a full price date; want to keep their rates lower for their annual fundraiser; Table this until the January meeting

Motion to adjourn by Sherley Spears; second by Wayland Cooksey. Meeting adjourned at 5:03 pm.

Notes transcribed by Sherley Spears

Fort Concho Museum Board Secretary

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sherley Spears". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name of the secretary.