

Fort Concho Museum Board Meeting- Minutes January 15, 2019

- A. The Fort Concho Museum Board held its regular board meeting at Fort Concho's Officers' Quarters 8 at 215 East Avenue D on January 15, 2019. The meeting was called to order at 3:38 pm by Board President Kathy Keane.
- B. Determination of quorum-Present: Kathy Keane; Sherley Spears; Joyce Lowe; Sarah Howell; Jason Pierce; David Schaller; Wayland Cooksey; Brandon Allen; LTC Brian Ryan; Kelcey Herrera. Quorum was met.
- C. Bob Bluthardt requested a motion for excused absences for the following:

Darren Fentress; Monty Stanley; Roger Banks; Lori Barton.
The motion was made by Sarah Howell and a second by Dr. Pierce. Motion carried.
- D. Presentation of guests-Bob Bluthardt introduced the guests:

LTC Bryan Ryan, US Army 344th MI BN Commander & liaison to Goodfellow; ASU Student Honors Program Coordinator Taylor Ball-Watson, ASU Student Honors Program Liaisons Margaret Dudley and Ethan Clark, Diann Bayes San Angelo CVB Vice President.
- E. Diann Bayes provided an overview of the recent article about San Angelo published in the True West Magazine. San Angelo was ranked as a Top Ten Western Town making the #2 rating behind only Tombstone, AZ. A four-page article about our city's parks and natural history attractions in the TPWD magazine; the new Chamber magazine, Oasis was presented, and copies distributed. Diann also noted upcoming trips to promote travel and tourism that she and Suzann Aguirre will be taking soon to Mexico; New York and various other cities.

On February 20, 2019, there will be the annual Texas Travel Industry Unity Dinner and the Chamber has two tables. Local elected officials such as Senator Perry, Representative Darby and Mayor Gunter will be attending, in Austin, TX. On the 21st, there will be a special day with 2000 travel industry people visiting their elected officials to promote the economic benefits of travel.

A brief break was taken to take photos with the Board and Diann with the award the city received.

- F. Ron Perry thanked the Board for all that they do; special thanks for supporting the Cavalry Competition that is hosted at the Fort.

Bob Bluthardt gave special thanks to Diann her great efforts to create interest in San Angelo.

II- Consent Agenda

1. Minutes from previous meeting. Motion made by Sarah Howell with a second by Wayland Cooksey. Motion carried
2. Treasurer's Report-comments included that income was down in November due to weather (pg 14); Pg. 20- TX Capital-amount that was shared with us from the city sales tax; these funds will be spent in chunks throughout 2019; future reports will note the operations and capital spending as separate items for clarity.

Motion to approve Treasurer's report by Kelcey Herrera with second by Sarah Howell. Motion carried.

3. Site Manager's Report-

- a. (Pages 23-25) Judge Gilbert is retiring; we will have an event March 1, 2019 in the commissary from 3-5 pm; he has served almost 45 years. If able, please stop by and visit during the reception.
- b. Texas Travel Convention- will be held in Austin in February; Bob will attend
- c. Fort maintenance worker Randy Williams lost his mother
- d. Roger Allen- founder of the Chicken Farm Art Center, passed away
- e. Bob and Doris Johnson Foundation granted the Fort Concho Foundation \$150,000 over three years for the Barracks 1-2 project
- f. Joint meeting with the Museum Board following the March 19th meeting at the Art Museum

IV. Regular Agenda

4. Capital Campaign- President Keane will organize a steering committee to come up with ideas and plans for a capital campaign. The campaign will include discussions about the costs for Barracks 1 & 2 and Barracks/Mess Halls 3 & 4; as well as general maintenance issues and some building restorations. Some funds have been reserved for the projects included; this will be a very strategic driven project.
5. The Texas Historical Commission's rules apply to the items located during the sewer line construction at Officers' Quarters 1. It will cost about \$6-8K to cover a professionally directed excavation and assessment. There may be a volunteer component and the project will begin around early spring 2019.
6. Nominations include:
 - a. James Dusek, has served his second term
 - b. Fentress is not returning due to business activities
 - c. Monty Stanley has served his second term

Two applications were received from Burley Smith and Curtis Milbourn. (copies were passed out) An additional one was received but could not be accepted as the applicant lives outside the city limits of San Angelo.

- a. Jason Pierce and Kelcey Herrera are in their first 3-year term and can serve 3 terms;
 - b. Bylaws will need to be updated to reflect the new term limits
 - c. If there are people interested, please contact Bob Bluthardt
 - d. President Keane is working on slate of officers for Vice President; Secretary; Treasurer and will present at the February meeting.
7. Bob Bluthardt and some staff will travel to Arizona next week to pick up the rest of the McChristian collection; \$118K was received in donations and the foundation paid the balance. Pending receipt of the check, the collection should be at the Fort soon. A temporary exhibit of the items previously received has been set up in the Visitor's Center at Barracks 1.
 8. Fort Concho fees- after some discussion, the board agreed to leave the rates unchanged.
 9. Sherley Spears presented the program objective for a partnership between the San Angelo NAACP and the Fort to celebrate Black History and Buffalo Soldier Heritage Day. Acclaimed artist Burl Washington who is known for his Buffalo Soldier and Black Cowboy art, will be the artist and lecturer at a special joint celebration. His art will be for sale, and he will talk about how he was influenced to focus on this art subject. She wants the collaboration to increase interest about the history from this era and create future opportunities for the two groups to

expand awareness of the Buffalo Soldier and Black history in the city. Sherley was seeking approval from the board to move forward with the project; and, if any funds are made from the sale of the art, the NAACP will donate to the Fort.

Motion made by Wayland Cooksey with a second by David Schaller. Motion carried.

10. Capital Improvement Program- 8 different project have been reviewed and the list will be updated to the website; the process requires 2 hearings with one taking place at the Convention Center. Projects of this nature typically cover large ticket items;
11. The Fort has authorized and moved forward with the purchase of property adjacent to the Stables. Earnest money has been paid; authorized budget of \$80,000 max; plans are to make this property a parking lot and staging area for the site's special events.
12. San Angelo Gives- A motion was made by Wayland Cooksey and a second by Kelcey Herrera to participate in the May 7, 2019 event.
13. N/A
14. The following items will be topics of concern: drainage; safety for students and guests; emergency vehicle access; traffic-including average daily traffic (ADT); Study and compilation of data will continue with a goal of another public meeting later in 2019.
15. Christmas at Fort Concho-The weather caused some impact, but we still brought in good amount of funds. Event was budgeted for \$120,000 in revenue and we may capture \$90,000 to \$95,000.
16. N/A
17. The city has set aside \$160,000 in sales tax receipts + \$60,000 from the state buildings fund balance; this will allow for updates and repairs to the structure columns in Barracks 1&2; fascia boards and other smaller projects. President Keane encouraged us to take photos for before and after to provide to the City Council
18. The McChristian Collection and property acquisition are budgeted in the 2019 budget from the foundation.
19. Future Agenda items- will include:
 - a. Change to bylaws- term limits
 - b. Slate of officers for 2019
 - c. McChristian Collection
20. N/A

The meeting adjourned at 5:08 pm



Sherley Spears

Secretary/Fort Concho Museum Board