

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC MEETING

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

**August 20, 2024 3:30 pm
Fort Concho Officers' Quarters 8 215 East Avenue D**

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DISABILITIES. IF ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE IS NEEDED TO OBSERVE OR COMMENT,
PLEASE NOTIFY THE FORT CONCHO BOARD LIAISON, BOB BLUTHARDT, 630 South Oakes,
481-2626 AT LEAST 24 HOURS PRIOR TO THE MEETING.**

*As a courtesy to those in attendance, please place your cell phone on "Silent" or "Vibrate"
Thank You!*

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 June 18, 2024 Minutes
- 2. Treasurer's Report
- 3. Site Manager's Report

III. REGULAR AGENDA: PUBLIC HEARING AND COMMENTS

- 4. Update on The Wall That Heals Proposed at Fort Concho in March-2025
- 5. Nominations Report
- 6. Review and Approval of Updated Rules and Guidelines for Use of Materials at Fort Concho Library/Archives
- 7. Fort Concho Logo Committee Update

8. Collections Report
9. Fort Concho Membership Drive Update
10. Update on Barracks & Mess Halls 3-4 Reconstruction Project
11. Fort Concho Foundation Report
12. Review of Upcoming Events
13. Staff News
14. Future Agenda Items

Given by order of the Fort Concho Museum Board and posted in accordance with Title 5, Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, Friday, August 16, 2024



Robert F. Bluthardt
Site Manager
Fort Concho

Fort Concho Museum Board Minutes

May 21, 2024

Officers' Quarters 8

I. Open Session

A. Call to Order – Board President Don Barnhart called the meeting to order at 3:32 PM.

B. Determination of a Quorum – Fort Concho Site Manager Bob Bluthardt confirmed a quorum was present: Don Barnhart, Monty Stanley, Yukio Kuniyuki, Ewell Loudermilk, Tracy Simpson, Asher Rogers, Sherley Spears, Lt Col John McAllister, Dr. Jason Pierce, Tommy Earnest, and ASU Honors Intern Daisy Herr. Absent: Colleen Haddad, Sarah Clemens, George Balli, Lisa Marley, and Penny Roberts.

C. Approval of Excused Absences – Motion made by Sherley Spears and seconded by Yukio Kuniyuki to approve excused absences. Motion carried.

D. Introduction of Guests – Last Board meeting for ASU Honors Intern Daisy Herr; new Executive Director of the San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts, Josefa Gonzalez Mariscal; and JJ Graham with the All Veterans Council of Tom Green County.

E. Presentations – President Don Barnhart presented to Daisy Herr a Fort Concho replica mess bowl. Daisy will be doing a summer internship at the National Museum of the Pacific War, aka the Nimitz Museum in Fredericksburg. The Fort has had great interns in the past but Daisy is exceptional in that she is a history major.

F. Public Comment – No public comment

II. Consent Agenda

1. Consideration of Approving the April 16, 2024 Minutes – Motion made by Sherley Spears and seconded by Tracy Simpson to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

2. Treasurer's Report – Site Manager Bob Bluthardt presented the Treasurer's Report in Lisa Marley's absence.

Monthly Income for April 2024

Admissions - \$1,329, up from last April; Shop - \$2,619, also up; Membership - \$23,950, slightly up from last April; Rent - \$13,962, slightly up; State buildings - \$32,500, up also; Special Events (Cavalry event) - \$1,470; Total Income for April 2024 - \$78,717, up from \$73,238 April 2023.

Year to Date Income thru April 2024 or 58.3% of Fiscal Year 2024

Admissions are up versus same time last year - \$5,739; Shop is up versus same time last year - \$14,798; Christmas is up versus same time last year - \$66,392; Membership is up versus same time last year - \$37,170; Rent very close to same time year - \$69,071; Special events up due to the Halloween event - \$10,948; Interest up versus same time last year - \$17,197; Year to Date Total Income - \$454,662

Year to Date Expenses thru April 2024 or 58.3% of Fiscal Year

Total Expenses - \$778,045 out of budgeted \$1,284,767 (60.6%)

Deficit down to \$41,000 from previous \$56,450

Motion made by Dr. Jason Pierce and seconded by Sherley Spears to accept the Treasurer's Report.
Motion carried.

3. Site Manager's Report

Bob referred the Board to the Site Manager's Report and gave update on Roger Banks. Will send a get-well card from the Fort.

III. Regular Agenda: Public Hearing and Comment

4. Review of 2024 Polo Event – Asher Rogers attended. No major issues encountered. Polo folks have already reserved site buildings and grounds for the first weekend of May 2025.

5. Meeting with Briefing by new SAMFA Executive Director Josefa Gonzalez Mariscal – Bob informed the Board that the Fort has had a 45-year relationship with SAMFA. Josefa introduced herself and the Board was impressed with her credentials and experience. She informed the Board of the need for a shared collections care facility in the Chase State Office Building. Per Bob's Report, this project was approved by the Fort and SAMFA Boards several years ago. Josefa gave an excellent talk on what will be mechanically required for this facility. This Agreement would be for 40 years.

6. Review and Approval of Amendment to MOU between SAMFA and Fort Concho for Collection Care Facility at Chase State Office Building – Removal of the 90-day termination clause from the MOU per recommendation from Site Manager Bob Bluthardt and COSA City Attorney. Motion made by Monty Stanley and seconded by Tracy Simpson. Motion carried unanimously. May schedule a future Board meeting there.

7. Briefing on *The Wall That Heals* and Approval of Hosting it at Fort Concho in March 2025 – JJ Graham, representative of the All Veterans Council of Tom Green County, presented to the Board a proposal to host the traveling exhibit on the parade grounds. The exhibit has been at the Fort in the past, 2007 and 2017. The new version is 300 by 90 feet. Previous exhibitions here may improve the odds of getting the Wall at the desired time. Competition for the exhibit will be fierce. Application will be submitted after Memorial Day and may have a decision by August or September. Motion made by Sherley Spears and seconded by Ewell Loudermilk. Motion carried.

8. Nominations Report – Sherley Spears still working on possible replacement.

9. Consideration of Canceling Regular Meeting of July 16, 2024 – Motion made by Tracy Simpson and seconded by Dr. Jason Pierce to cancel the July 16, 2024 Board Meeting. Motion carried.

10. Review of San Angelo Gives Program of May 7 – Fort Concho received \$18,255. The second-best amount in past 10 years. Money will go into the Foundation to fund furnishings and equipment at the new library/archives facility at Barracks/Mess Halls 3 & 4

16. Update on Barracks & Mess Halls 3-4 Reconstruction Project – inching ever closer to completion.

12. Logo Committee Update – Museum guide Hunter Wall will be researching for examples from across the country.

13. Review of Christmas at Old Fort Concho for 2024 – subject tabled

11. Review of Barracks 1-2 Visitor Center Project and Future Steps – Bob provided notes and proposed drawings of renovations of Barracks 1 and 2 to facilitate a smoother flow for visitors. Renovations would also provide improvements for Fort staff. This is the next great project for the Fort.

14. Collections Report – Bob has some interesting items from the Chappell collection he may bring to future Board meeting.

15. Fort Concho Membership Drive Update – subject tabled

17. Fort Concho Foundation Report – meets in August

18. Staff News – nothing to report

19. Future Agenda Items – nothing at the time

Motion to adjourn made by Dr. Jason Pierce and seconded by Tracy Simpson. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:00PM.

P.S. This was the last Board meeting for Lt. Col. John McAllister as there will be a Change-of-Command ceremony at Fort Concho June 18, 2024.

Respectfully submitted,

Tommy Earnest, Secretary

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