

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC MEETING

AN AGENDA OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE *Fort Concho Museum Board*
THE CITY OF SAN ANGELO, TEXAS
March 18, 2025 3:30 pm
Fort Concho Officers' Quarters 8 215 East Avenue D

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THE FORT CONCHO BOARD LIAISON, BOB BLUTHARDT, 630 South Oakes, 481-2626 AT LEAST
24 HOURS PRIOR TO THE MEETING.

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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. Those wishing to make public comment must register with the board liaison before the meeting.

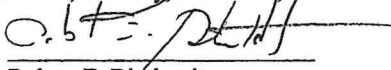
II. CONSENT AGENDA

- 1. Consideration of Approving the February 18, 2025 Minutes
- 2. Treasurer's Report
- 3. Site Manager's Report

III. REGULAR AGENDA: PUBLIC HEARING AND COMMENTS

- 4. 2025 Membership Campaign
- 5. Review and Approval of Request by San Angelo Chamber of Commerce to Hold City Candidates Forum (Mayor and Council) at Fort Concho Stables Hall on April 14 and 21
- 6. Barracks 1-2 Visitor Center Briefing by Project Architect Michael Antenora
- 7. Fort Concho/USA 250th Update
- 8. Staff News
- 9. Future Agenda Items & Considerations

Given by order of the Fort Concho Museum Board and posted in accordance with Title 5, Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, Monday, March 10, 2025


Robert F. Bluthardt
Site Manager
Fort Concho

Fort Concho Museum Board Minutes

Tuesday, January 21, 2025

Officer's 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 – Site Manager Bob Bluthardt confirmed a quorum was present: Don Barnhart, Monty Stanley, Lisa Marley, Ewell Loudermilk, Penny Roberts, Sarah Clemens, Asher Rogers, Tracy Simpson, Yukio Kuniyuki, George Balli, Tommy Earnest, and ASU Honors Intern Daisy Herr. Absent: LTC Raymond Kuderka, Dr. Jason Pierce, Dr. Michael Powers, and Colleen Haddad.

C. Approval of Excused Absences – Motion made by Yukio Kuniyuki and seconded by Tracy Simpson to excuse the absences. Motion carried.

D. Introduction of Guests – Marci Menchaca, Executive Director, House of Faith who thanked Fort Concho and the Board for its participation in the annual Christmas event of House of Faith. Per Bob, House of Faith was a gracious tenant and made a donation to the Fort. The Board consensus was to provide the same facilities for their December 2025 event. Also attending was Steve Ahlenius from the SA Chamber of Commerce. He is brand new to SA. He is looking forward to working with the Fort. Per Bob, the Fort wants to maintain a Tier 1 relationship with the Chamber.

E. Presentations – No presentations

F. Public Comment – None

II. Consent Agenda

1. Consideration of Approving the November 19, 2024 Minutes – Board consensus was to Accept and Approve the Minutes.

2. Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Lisa Marley reported for November Income, Overall virtually the same as 2024 and near the best of past decade. Some poor weather days reduced shop and admissions; we continue to enjoy high interest on the Fund Balance. For December Income, Overall down about \$10K due to lower revenue at CAOFC, but the Shop was up. First Quarter Income (Oct-Dec), despite lower CAOFC income, 2024 virtually the same as 2023, CAOFC down \$9,300, overall still near best of past ten years. First Quarter Expenses (Oct-Dec), 2024 down \$23K from 2023, overall percentage down 3.1%. First Quarter of Past 19 Years, Fort is in the black for this fiscal year by \$28K, this figure will reduce over the next few months until Membership Donations come in.

The Treasurer's Report was Accepted and Approved by consensus of the Board.

3. Site Manager's Report – Bob referred the Board to his attached report in their packet. True West magazine gave the Fort, SA, and the Cactus Book Store high marks in the latest edition.

III. Regular Agenda: Public Hearing and Comments

4. Nominations Report – All Board members eligible to be reappointed have been done so by the City Council. Still one slot open, Dr. Jason Pierce to be filled next. He will serve until replaced.

5. Briefing by Steve Ahlenius of the San Angelo Chamber of Commerce – already done.

6. Review of CAOFC 2024 – the weather was fickle this year, but still a successful event. Friday and most of Saturday kept the visitors away, but Sunday was a busier day than most of past event Sundays. The sign-in books in B1 and OQ4 reflected guests from 17 states, 67 Texas communities, and a few

foreign countries. All the merchant spaces were filled with 25% being new participants. Overall income was down about 20% from 2023 but not as drastic as anticipated due to the weather. More discussion at future meetings. This will be a regular agenda item on future Board meetings. No known issues/comments on the raised ticket prices.

7. Consideration of Approving Fort Concho's Participation in San Angelo Gives 2025 – Motion made to participate in SAG by Sarah Clemens and seconded by George Balli. Motion carried. Bob's recommendation is to use any funds for exhibits. Further discussion in future Board meetings will sharpen focus on this subject.

8. Collections Report – nothing new at this time. Cory and staff will schedule a trip to Austin later to pick up the Houston Harte desk, which will most likely be displayed in Barracks 3 or 4.

9. Review of Fort Concho Calendar of Events for 2025 – Brendalee Brown with the other staff, has done a fantastic job on getting the 2025 schedule put together. May have a look-a-like contest for Fess Parker Day in August, TBD. Major event NOT on the calendar this year is the Regional Cavalry Competition. How or why FC "lost" this event may be forthcoming in the future. Time will tell.

10. Update on Barracks & Mess Halls 3-4 – Are legally Fort property. Need exterior lights, wi-fi, etc, that were not in the contract. Weather has been delaying the move-in. May have a privately funded staff member to assist in the new buildings. More details coming later.

11. Report by House of Faith Staff on event of December 16-20, 2024 – Already reported earlier.

12. Logo Committee Report – The Committee was sent six pages of possibilities for logos. The top vote getters were pages 1 and 2, which Bob passed out to the other Board members for their viewing.

13. Fort Concho Foundation Report – Investments doing well.. FCF voted to provide funds to Cory for improvements to the artillery display in B2.

14. Update on Concho Mail Station Project – FC consultant, Michael Bradle, met with THC Archaeological Division rep on Dec 9. They toured the site and discussed all necessary future actions to certify and make legal any further work. Any artifacts removed will be handed over to the Fort and be part of a future display. After receiving the THC permit, further investigation at the site can resume.

15. Update on COSA Capital Improvement Program – FC on list of CIP projects. Barracks 1-2, interiors of several Officers Quarters, and Avenue D. Architect for the Barracks project coming here in March.

16. Staff News – Bob noted that Jerry Bruno, former maintenance supervisor and now an hourly staff member for carpentry services, has returned to work. Rest of staff is good and busy.

17. Future Agenda Items – CAOFC, logo, San Angelo Gives

Motion to Adjourn made by George Balli and seconded by Sarah Clemens. Motion carried. Meeting Adjourned at 4:52 PM

Next Board meeting February 18, 2025

Respectfully submitted,

Tommy Earnest, Secretary

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