

Fort Velasco Timeline

1821-1836 1861-1865 1875 1976 1992-96 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018-2019

1821 – The schooner “Lively” arrives from New Orleans with Austin’s first Texas colonists.

1832 – Mexicans build Fort Velasco.

June 25-26, 1832 – Battle of Fort Velasco

Sept. 1, 1835 – San Felipe Incident – First shots of the Texas Revolution – small steamer *Laura* helps *San Felipe* capture Mexican navy schooner *Correa de Mejico*.

May 4, 1836 – President David G. Burnet names Velasco temporary capital of Texas.

May 14, 1836 – Antonio López de Santa Anna signs the Treaties of Velasco.

The Confederate army occupies Fort Velasco during the Civil War. The fort becomes a Confederate stronghold throughout the war.

Hurricane destroys Fort Velasco and records.

June 14 – Mayor Bob Brannan declares June 26 as Fort Velasco Day.

Navy Day events raise \$34K.

February – Grant application is filed.

September – Fort Velasco/Texas Navy Day dinner raises \$14K.

Lease agreement between Village of Surfside Beach and the Cradle of Texas Conservancy for park, lighthouse, learning center project, and Fort Velasco site submitted to village council.

June 26 – announcement of archaeological surveyor for Fort Velasco

June 27 – Art League event honoring Fort Velasco

July 4 – Work begins on the Fort Velasco barracks building.

September 2 – survey begins

September 18 – Fort Velasco – Thunder on the Brazos dinner

September 19 – Texas Navy Day

September – Fort Velasco/Texas Navy Day dinner raises \$12K.

June – site identification and excavation

2018 – groundbreaking

2019 – completion

architectural planning, site preparation, and artifacts research

February – Grant with survey contingency okayed. Survey moves forward without requiring grant funds.

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