OLD FORT VELASCO HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

For Immediate Release

The newly formed Old Fort Velasco Historical Association will hold an informal meeting on Thursday evening, August 24, 2017, at 7 PM, in the Brazoria Heritage Foundation Conference Room. The BHF is located at 202 West Smith Street, Brazoria, TX. Parking for the conference center is on North Nevada Street.

Dr. Aubrey Tucker, a Surfside Beach resident, will chair this meeting.

The Old Fort Velasco Historical Association is organizing to be a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, dedicated to the proposed following mission.

MISSION STATEMENT

The Old Fort Velasco Historical Association will:

1) Facilitate consolidation and cooperation with ownership and leases of the historic grounds of Fort Velasco, a Mexican fort that was the site of the battle between Texas volunteers and Mexican forces on June 27, 1832. The principal owners of these grounds are the Village of Surfside Beach and the Cradle of Texas Conservancy (CTC).
2) Facilitate official recognition of these declared historic grounds by the Village of Surfside Beach to be used for no other municipal or commercial enterprise.
3) Facilitate, as practicable, further archaeological studies to identify and conserve historic structures and artifacts on this site and to secure these grounds from further damage, destruction, and unauthorized trespassing or relic hunting.
4) Reconstruct and operate Fort Velasco as a sustainable, non-profit historic site for public visitation and educational and special events to the mutual benefit of the Village of Surfside Beach, Brazoria County, and the State of Texas.
5) Advocate to have the site declared a State of Texas and/or national historic site.
6) Seek patrons and grants and conduct ongoing non-profit fundraising to finance and achieve these (above) goals.

We cordially invite all area residents interested in this project to attend this meeting.

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