



Memorandum

To: Town Council
From: Thomas Dansie, Director of Community Development
Date: September 3, 2020
Re: September 9, 2020 Town Council Meeting
Policies for the Use of Reclaimed Historic Stone on Commemorative Monuments

Executive Summary

The Council has expressed support for using reclaimed historic stone on commemorative monuments in the Town. The Council requested staff develop policies regarding ownership and maintenance of commemorative stone monuments.

Staff recommends the Council adopt the policies contained in this report.

Staff further recommends the Council approve the use of reclaimed stone and town funding for commemorative monuments at Under the Eaves Inn and on Lion Boulevard commemorating the tile mosaic public art project on the light pole bases.

Proposed Policies for Commemorative Stone Monuments

Staff proposed the following policies for stone monuments in the last meeting:

- 1) Commemorative stone monuments in Springdale should all have a standardized design based on the design of the monument near the sidewalk in front of Meme's café.
- 2) Commemorative monuments should be made of reclaimed historic stone when approved, appropriate and possible to construct them with this material.
- 3) Requests for the use of reclaimed historic stone in the monuments should first be submitted to the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) for review and recommendation. If use of historic stone is denied or determined not to be feasible, purchased quarried sandstone may be used as an alternative.
- 4) Construction costs for the stone monuments should be approved and funded by the Town Council¹, and monument construction should be done under the direction of the Town Staff.

The Council expressed support for these policies. The Council also asked staff to develop policies regarding the ownership and maintenance of commemorative stone monuments. Staff proposes the following policies:

- 5) Commemorative stone monuments funded by the Town will be the property of the Town of Springdale.

¹ Staff notes the Council retains ultimate discretion over which monuments to fund, and which not to. This policy does not bind the Town to fund any monument. The Council is free to deny funding for a monument based on lack of funding, the monument not being compatible with the Town's desired image, safety hazards associated with the monument, or any other reason that is neither arbitrary or capricious.

- 6) Commemorative stone monuments will be placed on town-owned property, in the public right-of-way, or on private property in a location that is accessible to the general public and visible from a right-of-way.
- 7) If a monument is proposed on private property, the owner of the property shall grant the Town an easement or a site lease of at least 20 years duration prior to installation of the monument. The easement or site lease shall specifically state that the monument is the property of the Town.

Summary

Staff proposes the following policies for the use of historic irrigation stone in commemorative monuments:

- 1) Commemorative stone monuments in Springdale should all have a standardized design based on the design of the monument near the sidewalk in front of Meme's café.
- 2) Commemorative monuments should be made of reclaimed ditch stone when appropriate and possible.
- 3) Requests for the use of historic irrigation ditch stone in the monuments should first be submitted to the HPC for review and recommendation.
- 4) Construction costs for the stone monuments should be approved and funded by the Town Council, and monument construction should be done under the direction of the Town Staff.
- 5) Commemorative stone monuments funded by the Town will be the property of the Town of Springdale.
- 6) Commemorative stone monuments will be placed on town-owned property, in the public right-of-way, or on private property in a location that is accessible to the general public and visible from a right-of-way.
- 7) If a monument is proposed on private property, the owner of the property shall grant the Town an easement or a site lease of at least 20 years duration prior to installation of the monument. The easement or site lease shall specifically state that the monument is the property of the Town.