

To: Members of the Planning Commission

From: Kathleen Kavarra Corr (Historic Preservation Commission Member)

Re: Design of History Center

Feb 17, 2021

Please consider the History Center design accompanying this letter that was thoughtfully composed by Lila Moss as well as the comments below about a History Center design in general and Springdale's new History Center

1 The main difference between the two designs is the placement of the restrooms. In Ms. Moss's rendering the bathrooms are outside of the building. The exterior placement allows for the following:

- A. Access to the restrooms after the History Center is closed. There is a huge need for public restrooms near the center of town. These outdoor restrooms could help supply this need.
- B. If bathrooms are placed outside issues concerning public health, smells, noise, cleaning will not interrupt the integrity and use of the inner spaces
- C. What are the uses of the inner spaces: public programs such as: speakers, research, displays, collection development and sorting, a public respite in an educational space, interview collection, children's programs and much more! Think if the meeting room in the Canyon Community Center had its bathrooms in the same space as the main use room....this would be disruptive on many levels. The history Center use space is much smaller allowing for the impact of bathrooms to be much larger.
- D. Placing the restrooms outside would not deter tourists from entering the History Center to make use of its resources but it would deter the History Center from becoming a quick bathroom stop with all the activity accompany the unfortunate aspects of highly used public restrooms. Sols Foods has a public restroom and it is outside of the space dedicated for the purpose of the store. It is important to have bathrooms near but to also protect the integrity of purpose and environmental atmosphere of the History center.
- E. The History Center is not merely a display area the aim is for it to be a space interacting with the history of Springdale and Rockville creating programs for residents and tourists to engage in. The traffic of bathroom use would detract from this purpose by influencing the pleasant interior environment space with smells, noise, unsanitary events, etc.
- F. I encourage each of you to seriously consider this thoughtful design improvement for Springdale's History Center.

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