

To: Tom Dansie, Mayor Stan Smith, and Town Council:

Administrative Action Item 1. Discussion and direction to staff regarding construction alternatives for the Springdale History and Visitors Center.

There are four options on the agenda for Town Council this week, and it appears that the first three are either impractical or unworkable. Instead, however of limiting thinking to option 4, we would rather see the town seriously consider another option which seems to be both practical in terms of the immediate question of how to convey historical information about the town to the public but also be a more cost effective and ultimately more user friendly to the public.

As has been mentioned by others in the community, a series of outdoor interpretative displays/kiosk/wall could provide similar information without the need for a building or staffing. This would also help promote a very pedestrian friendly area for both guests and residents to view some of the town's history but would also be an area where people could sit on benches in a shaded area. In other words, a mini historic park atmosphere. Although we donated to the historical society for a "landscape brick", we would greatly prefer it be used in such a mini park like setting. Landscaping should be in keeping with the local environment and water wise. Benches, a water fountain and public bathrooms are a necessity. The public should not have to impinge on local businesses (hotels, shops, stores) in order to access restrooms or water. Given the number of people in Springdale on any given day, the need for water and restrooms is critical to the user experience. This potential solution would seem to meet most of the needs of both the community and the visiting public.

Respectfully,

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