



**Memorandum**

**To:** Historic Preservation Commission  
**From:** Darci Carlson, Town Clerk  
**Date:** April 8, 2022  
**Re:** **Bishop's Granary Interpretive Site**

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The Town of Springdale took possession of the Bishop's Granary in 2014. Carefully moved from the Harvest House to an area behind Town Hall and the Community Center, the granary represents a unique piece of history in our community.

Commission discussion of what to do with the Bishop's Granary has ensued for many years. Although other locations have been considered, the current location has been approved as a permanent site and is relatively accessible to the public.

The Commission should discuss how to move forward with site enhancements. These enhancements could include building stabilization, landscape, and interpretive signs. Although funds to improve the site are not currently in the Town's budget, it is highly likely the Town Council would support efforts by the Commission to finally turn the Bishop's Granary into a meaningful historic asset for locals and visitors to enjoy.

## **BISHOP'S GRANARY**

### **Information pulled from Historic Preservation Commission meeting minutes**

**10/23/14**

#### **Proposal to move granary from Harvest House to Town Park**

- Mr. Harper provided a picture of the structure believed to be a granary. Mr. Dansie believed it to be a park service cabin; however, both Mr. Harper and Mr. Roth said it was not. Mr. Roth elaborated and said it was a cottonwood structure and very historic. No one knows the exact history.
- Mr. Harper spoke with the current owner Tom Burns from Harvest House who wanted to either tear it down or have it moved so he could start to build a garage. It is a 10' wide by 12' deep structure sitting on a stump. It could be easily secured. The current owner wants it moved by mid-November.
- The question arose about where to move the building. Ms. Cluff suggested it be moved to land around the jail or the cemetery. Mr. Roth recommended the area across from the parking lot behind the medical building.
- Mr. Harper is willing to do the labor for free and will speak with Alan Lee about getting his help.
- Mr. Dansie mentioned that he brought up the topic of this structure at a staff meeting and there was some resistance. If the structure was moved to the Town Park there was concern about sprinklers and irrigation lines. He thought Mr. Roth's suggested spot was good. Mr. Dansie reminded the Commissioners this topic would have to be taken to the Town Council for approval. The Commission should identify a preferred location for the Council to consider. They will also need to provide details in terms of costs and impact.
- Mr. Roth suggested that if the structure is moved they build a dry stack foundation, with no mortar or cement. This would allow forklift access.
- Commissioners agreed this is an important building and given the timeline of the current owner they would need to move quickly. Ms. Zumpft requested the topic be added to the Town Council agenda.

**09/17/15**

**Review and possible action regarding plans for historic structure preservation:** Mr. Harper provided a list of the three areas that need the most attention (Attachment #1) including the roof, foundation and general clean-up of the inside. The total preliminary cost was estimated to be about \$4200 - \$5000 in order to bring the structure into minimal functionality.

- Mr. Dansie said funds allotted this year by the Town Council for the Historic Preservation Commission were earmarked as matching funds for the Reconnaissance Level Survey. The Commission would therefore need to look for other funding sources in order to fund the work needed on the structure. The Commission can consider grants or wait for the next Town Council budget cycle.

**02/25/16**

Ms. Moss mentioned she would like to find a more appropriate place for the historic granary structure. The Commission decided to add a discussion about this to their next meeting agenda.

**04/07/16**

#### **Continued discussion and possible action concerning relocation of the historic granary structure-**

Ms. Moss apologized to Commissioner Burns for not talking to him prior to the last meeting on the proposed location of the granary which would have been next to his property. She made assumptions that all parties involved would be in agreement to the proposed location, however they were not. She would like the apology to be on record and has withdrawn her discussion on this subject.

- Ms. Cluff asked to be reminded about Commissioner Harpers rehab plan for the granary, which would cost an estimated \$5000. The Board discussed reaching out to Mr. Harper in the future for possible help with this project.
- Ms. Moss still had hope that there was a better location for the granary and hopes more ideas come forward.
- Ms. Cluff' was interested in the location by the gazebo, which would keep it in sight of people and close enough to be watched.

**Motion made by Stephen Roth to table action item two regarding the historic structure; seconded by Lila Moss.**

**Cluff: Aye**

**Moss: Aye**

**Roth: Aye**

**Motion passed unanimously.**

**07/07/16**

- Ms. Moss wanted to hold off on moving the granary until they find out if the Town would be acquiring the Olsen home. She suggested that if the Town was able to acquire it, the HPC could permanently move the structure to a historic location instead.
- Mr. Roth shared with the Commission where the granary building's original location was, which was located in Zion National Park at the nature center or the old Crawford home, so it has been moved a couple of times. Ms. Carlson asked for copy of the picture to include it in the Towns history. Mr. Roth agreed to do so.

**03/02/17**

**Consideration of Historic Preservation Commission projects using FY 2016/17 funds:** Ms. Carlson indicated the Council appropriated \$5,000 in the Historic Preservation budget this fiscal year. Originally the Commission considered improvements to the granary structure however there was previous discussion the structure may be moved to a different location. She said the Council would begin work sessions related to the next fiscal year budget so the Commission should consider their funding needs now.

Mr. Carlson listed a number of projects the Commission wanted to keep moving forward including the granary structure, history center, historic ditches, and the pioneer cemetery. Mr. Carlson spoke to Mayor Smith about other strategic items including creation of a Springdale historic archive and repository of oral and written histories, photos and artifacts.

- Mr. Carlson said he reached out to local universities to inquire about intern help. There was a lot of historic information out there but in disparate locations.
- Ms. Alford said some oral histories already existed. Mr. Carlson wanted to collect, gather, archive and share this history with the help of interns.

Mayor Smith did not feel the Town capitalized enough on the historic jail. Mr. Carlson thought it might be interesting to have an event or promotion which focused on the jail.

- Ms. Moss said the jail was unfortunately sited and a well-kept secret. She said it was too bad it couldn't be moved.

Mr. Carlson also suggested the Town prepare a historic map or walking tour guide. As information was collected the Town might consider the development of a book, video, or website to better communicate it.

Longer-term, Mr. Carlson thought a pioneer experience center would be an interesting concept. The focus would be on the development of programs and reenactments of Zion Canyon pioneer activities.

- Ms. Moss recalled the Folk Life Festival held in the Park in the Nature Center. This was a very successful program, but as people got older no one had the skills to continue. Ms. Moss said it was a very valid program attended by many school children.

Mr. Carlson felt it important for the Commission to keep their activities, projects, and initiatives front and center with the Council. They should provide regular updates on progress.

- Ms. Moss said in order to keep the momentum the Commission needed to meet more often.

The group decided they would combine their thinking, identify projects worth pursuing, develop rough budget estimates and provide this information to the Council for their FY 2017/18 budget discussions.

**12/18/17**

**Bishop's Granary** – The Commission felt that any progress on the Granary and determinations on where to place it could be put on hold until they receive a final answer on the Town Museum location.

**01/29/18**

**Bishop's Granary:** Ms. Giardina asked if the Commission had ever considered refurbishing the Granary and using that as a starter museum.

- The Commission found favor in this idea and as they continued discussion they came to the conclusion that this could rise as a priority. At the very least, the Commission agreed that perhaps they should explore preservation efforts for it.

**02/26/18**

Ms. Carlson announced as a follow-up that the Bishop's Granary was in a fairly final placement near Town Hall and the Town Manager had given approval for the Commission to actively discuss preservation efforts. He hoped to discuss the preservation for the Granary and the Town Jail in subsequent meetings.

**05/21/18**

- **Granary:** In addition to a cost estimate provided by contractor Dennis McMullin, the Commission wanted more quotes for restorative work on the granary. Ms. Moss and Ms. Hollis agreed to do some more research on the historical uses and original location of the granary, in addition to crafting a draft of content for an interpretive plaque.

**08/27/18**

Commissioners committed to identify a list of smaller projects and express which they wanted to spearhead. Projects included creating a logo, doing oral histories and collecting historic stories, fundraising, developing interpretive sites for the granary and Town jail, and applying for county/state grants. The group wanted to generate small wins.

- Mr. Carlson said the key was for Commissioners to take ownership of a project.

**10/22/18**

**Granary**

Ms. Moss received an estimate of \$2500.00 from contractor Mike Brooks to install wooden shake shingles and a foundation on the granary structure. Mr. Brooks recommended this work not be completed until the granary was in its final location.

- Ms. Moss suggested a historic area be developed in Town near the pioneer cemetery. Perhaps it would be possible to locate the granary and the old jail in this area. Or, Ms. Moss envisioned the granary be relocated to the front of the proposed museum property.
- Ms. Hollis commented she liked the idea of keeping these historic assets in their original location and creating a walking tour throughout Town.

01/05/21

Ms. Corr also saw the historic town jail and the bishop's granary as high-priority assets and wanted to explore funding options via the Town budget for the restoration of the structures.

- Staff provided a status on the possibility of NRHP nomination and designation for the structures. The jail had been included in an intensive level survey in 2017 and was deemed 'Eligible-Significant,' signaling that there were solid grounds for completing an application for designation on the NRHP. Such applications were a prime function of the SHPC, but no application had been pursued as of yet.
- The bishop's granary had been included in a reconnaissance level survey in 2016 and was deemed 'Eligible-Contributing,' speaking to its eligibility for NRHP designation as a historic structure. To strengthen its nomination package, staff recommended pursuing an intensive level survey to gather more documentation on its history and integrity.

The Commission agreed with Ms. Krause's order of priorities with the exception of Ms. Corr who expressed concerns about precedent set when any amount of grant funding was endorsed by the Town to benefit private property owners, let alone 100% of the available funds. She also had qualms about the beneficiaries of the grant being previous members of the Town Council and Planning Commission.

The Commission heard and understood Ms. Corr's concerns but were unified in favor of the direction they had discussed at length.

**Motion made by Jean Krause that the Commission direct staff to submit a CLG grant application requesting funds for roof replacement at Under the Eaves Inn based on the finding that it is designated on the National Historic Registry and thereby eligible to receive CLG grant funding for such projects. Staff is further directed to submit a funding request in the upcoming budget cycle to the Council for consideration of the following Commission projects: 1) Development of a Springdale walking tour, 2) Training opportunities and conferences for SHPC members, and 3) restoration of the old town jail and the bishop's granary. Seconded by Rich Levin.**

**Krause: Aye**

**McKean: Aye**

**Levin: Aye**

**Corr: No.**

**Motion passed.**