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Mayor Bruno and Town Council,

It is unfortunate that the town could not work out an easement with the neighbors thus making the new building difficult to build. I have been in support of the History Center and continue to be in support of it. This setback should not stop the progress. It is my understanding that the History Center is now being proposed at the River Park. Looking over the plans I think this is a very good solution. Although it isn't in the center of town the park location offers a better place for a well-designed center, including an upgrade to the present restrooms. It also helps with the future plans of a Paiute center, (which I hope will continue to progress). The money is there to do the project and I would hate to see us give that money back.

Springdale's history did not start with the announcement of Zion National Park. There were many struggles to settle the area and continue to live here. It took strong-willed people to lay the foundation for what we all now enjoy. It seems to me that we tend to lose that part of Springdale and it is my desire to make sure that those early settlers are not forgotten. Education is a powerful tool. The History Center is the key to doing just that, educating people and preserving the Town's history. The River Park location will provide better access to the facilities and those that will be stopping to use the park are more apt to go explore the center. With the Virgin River nearby and the open space of the park, many more activities and interpretive discussions can occur. Other amenities can be added to the new improved restrooms such as a filling station, foot-washing station along with the current bike station. With a well-designed building and surrounding area, the River Park can be better utilized and meet the needs of both the residents and visitors.

Springdale is a beautiful place to live and visit. This project can be another part of why Springdale is the place it is. I hope that the SR9 property is used for some type of park, rest area, or the like. I encourage you to continue to support the History Center project.

Thank you for your time and your efforts in making Springdale better.

Sincerely,  
Stan Smith