



Memorandum

To: Historic Preservation Commission
From: Niall Connolly
Date: January 24th, 2025
Re: Commemorative Wall at the Pioneer Cemetery

Introduction

The Town Council approved a policy for the Pioneer Cemetery in their September meeting. This policy was developed and recommended by the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC). The policy is available on the Town website:

<https://www.springdaletown.com/DocumentCenter/View/2041/Pioneer-Cemetery-Policy>

The policy includes a recommendation for a new memorial wall to be constructed at the pioneer cemetery. It is suggested that this memorial take the form of a short stone wall, three or four feet in length, with a plaque which would include a map of the cemetery and graves, based on research carried out by the HPC. It would also include space for the names of those believed to be buried there in unmarked graves. It is suggested that this wall could be constructed by repurposing the sandstone blocks that were excavated from old irrigation ditches during the SR-9 reconstruction project.

Recommendation

As the Town Council has approved the policy, we anticipate having a reasonable chance of securing funding for this project during the 2025/2026 fiscal year. We therefore recommend that the commission assigns one or more members to see this project to completion. Town staff will be available to provide support.