



Memorandum

To: The Historic Preservation Commission
From: Kyndal Sagers
Date: August 2, 2024
Re: Town Jail

Background

Taken from research done by Ms. Broschinsky, the Springdale Town Jail (See Figure 1) is a one-story sandstone building built in 1935. The jail was built by the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC Camp) at Zion National Park. According to oral tradition, the jail was built to house an anticipated increase in criminal behavior in the community with the establishment of the CCC Camp. The jail was used infrequently as a “drunk tank.”

The jail is located next to the Springdale Elementary School. The building footprint is approximately 18 by 14 feet and sits on a 0.02-acre lot that was deeded to the Town of Springdale in 2006. The original iron screen door and two barred window openings are intact. The jail’s architecture is associated with the materials and craftsmanship of depression-era CCC Camps in Zion National Park.

The Town of Springdale is currently applying for the Jail to be on the National Register of Historic Places. In previous meetings, the Historic Preservation Commission discussed landscaping and planting in the top portion of the jail and its surrounding areas (See Figure 2), signage, parking, and potentially installing plexiglass inside the doorway (See Figure 3).



Figure 1



Figure 2

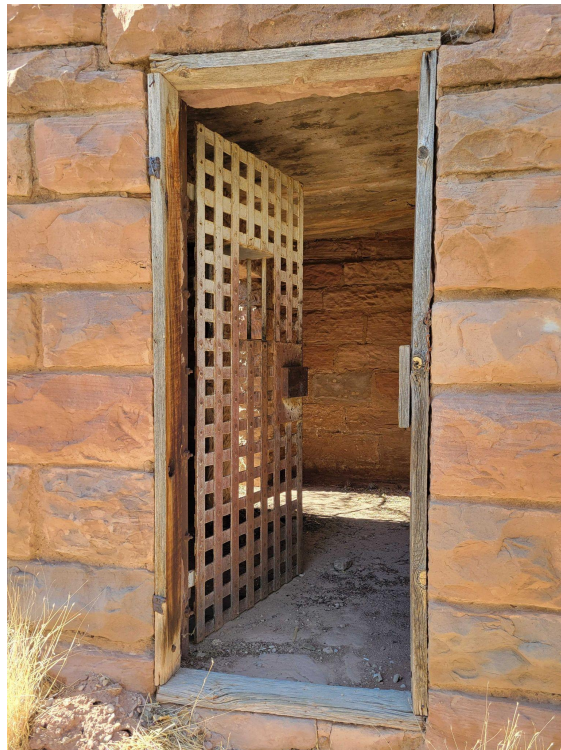


Figure 3

Action

Staff sees two potential actions for the Commission:

1. Do nothing
2. An assigned Commissioner works with Staff in creating a preliminary plan outlining clean-up, landscaping, signage, rehabilitation, etc.

If the Commission takes option 2, there are some points to consider:

- What potential funding or volunteer sources could be used?
- Access restraints
- What would be the ultimate goal for the Jail?

Sample Motion Language

The Commission may refer to the following sample language when making a motion:

*The Historic Preservation Commission **decides to take no action on the jail/ decides to assign a Commission member to work with staff to create a preliminary plan** as discussed in the Commission meeting on August 14th, 2024. This motion is based on the following findings:*