Memorandum

To: **Historic Preservation Commission**
From: **Niall Connolly, Director of Community Development**
Date: **October 30, 2026**
Re: **Next Steps for the HPC**

Introduction

The Historic Preservation Commission has accomplished a significant amount of work over the past few years. As many of the projects the Commission has worked on draw to a conclusion, staff recommends that the Commission takes some time to reflect on its achievements, and also to consider what its next steps should be. Below is a summary of some of the projects that the Commission has worked on. This list is not exhaustive, and is in no particular order:

Intensive Level Surveys

Intensive level surveys have been completed on a number of the Town's historic assets, including the pioneer cemetery, the irrigation ditches, the town jail, and the tithing granary. This research has gathered valuable information on the Town's history, and can be enjoyed by the community.

National Register of Historic Places

The Town now has three sites on the national register of historic places: Under the Eaves Bed and Breakfast, and more recently the Pioneer Cemetery and the Town Jail.

Historic Asset Interpretation and Restoration

The tithing granary has been sensitively restored and given a permanent location. Interpretive signage is provided. Interpretive signage has also been provided at the irrigation ditch. A monument has been completed at the pioneer cemetery, which includes a labelled map of the burial sites, as well as some historic information. The Town Council has made a generous budget allocation to the Town Jail for the fiscal year 2026/27. Engineering Assessment to confirm the safety of this structure is underway. Some sensitive restoration and repairs, interpretive signage and landscaping are planned.

Walking Tour

The Town entered into an Agreement with Preservation Utah Tours in February 2026. Preservation Utah hosts an app which is a self guided walking tour. Staff has worked with Commissioners to finalize the Springdale Historic Walking Tour, which will be available for anyone to enjoy.

Community Events/ Education

The HPC hosted a very successful community event in January 2026 to mark Utah History Month. The event included presentations from commissioners and other community members, covering a variety of

aspects of Springdale's history. The event was extremely well attended, and received very positive feedback.

Next Steps

With many of these projects drawing to conclusion, the HPC should discuss what the next steps should be. Much of the work to date has been on historic sites and assets. There may be more to do in this regard. The HPC may also wish to explore how it can support education on history in the community. Section 10-26 of the Springdale Town Code sets out the purpose of the HPC and the Commission's duties. Staff recommends that the Commissioners review this section of the Code in advance of the meeting to guide this discussion. This section of the Code is appended here for convenience.

CHAPTER 26 HISTORIC PRESERVATION

10-26-1: PURPOSE:

The Town of Springdale recognizes that the historical heritage of the community is among its most valued and important assets. The purpose of this chapter is to identify, preserve, protect, and enhance historic buildings, structures, sites, and objects in Springdale.

10-26-2: HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION:

A Historic Preservation Commission is hereby established with the following provisions:

A. The commission consists of at least five members who are each appointed by the Mayor for a term of at least two years.

B. To be appointed as a member of the commission, an individual must have demonstrated an interest in, experience with, or knowledge of historic preservation.

C. To the extent available, two commission members shall be professionals, as defined by national park service regulations, from the disciplines of history, archaeology, planning, architecture, or architectural history.

D. The commission shall meet at least twice each year and conduct business in accordance with the open public meeting laws of Utah. This obligation includes public notification of meeting place, time, and agenda items.

E. The commission shall prepare written minutes of each commission meeting and make them available for public inspection.

10-26-3: COMMISSION DUTIES:

The Historic Preservation Commission has the following duties:

A. *Survey and inventory community historic resources:* The Historic Preservation Commission shall conduct or cause to be conducted a survey of the historic, architectural, and archaeological resources within the community. The survey shall be compatible with the Utah Inventory of Historic and Archaeological Sites. Survey and inventory documents shall be maintained and shall be open to the public. The survey shall be updated at least every ten years.

B. *Review proposed nominations to the National Register of Historic Places:* The Historic Preservation Commission shall review and comment to the state historic preservation officer on all proposed national register nominations for properties within the Springdale Town boundaries. When the Historic Preservation Commission considers a national register nomination that is normally evaluated by professionals in a specific discipline and that discipline is not represented on the commission, the commission shall seek expertise in that area before commenting to the State Historic Preservation Officer.

C. *Provide advice and information:*

1. The Historic Preservation Commission shall act in an advisory role to other officials and departments of the Town government regarding the identification and protection of local historic and archaeological resources.
2. The Historic Preservation Commission shall work toward the continuing education of citizens regarding historic preservation and community history.

D. *Oversee and assist:* Oversee and assist in the maintenance and rehabilitation of Town-owned historic buildings and sites.

E. *Grants and financial aid:* Apply for and administer grants and other financial aid for historic preservation projects in the Town.

F. *Report violations of state historic preservation laws:* The commission shall report any violation of state laws relating to historic preservation. These laws include, but are not limited to, U.C.A. §§ 9-8-305, 9-8-307, and 9-8-308 regarding the protection of Utah Antiquities and U.C.A. § 9-8-404 regarding notification of the State Historic Preservation Office of any known proposed action that would destroy or affect a site, building, or object owned by the State of Utah and included on or eligible for the state or national registers.