

Architecture & Design

The Peoria Jail House is a rectilinear building constructed of concrete that is clad in stucco. The front and side walls of the structure extend past the roof line forming short parapets. The building is designed in a Flat Roof National Folk Style, an architectural style that focused heavily on functionality with lesser regard for decorative elements.

Background

The City of Peoria Jail House was constructed as a Works Progress Administration (WPA) project circa 1939. Since its construction, this building has not only served as a local jail, but throughout the years has also accommodated City Council meetings and has served as the office for the Peoria Chamber of Commerce. The building sits in Osuna Park, which was formerly known as Washington Park.

Current Use

The Peoria Jail House is currently maintained as a public museum that is managed by the Peoria Arizona Historical Society. Visitors to the museum can take a step back into the past and see the old jail cells complete with original iron cell bars.