

Certificate of Appropriateness

Filing Date: March 10, 2025
Case Number: **25-7-HPC**
Request: **Certificate of Appropriateness**
Project Address: 534 Texas St, Shreveport, LA 71101
Historic District: Downtown Shreveport Historic District
Zoning: D-1-CBD (Downtown Core Sub-District)
Applicant: **Caddo Parish**
MPC Review by: Emily Trant, Senior Planning Coordinator
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HPC Meeting Date: March 18, 2025

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

534 Texas Street is an existing parking lot located in the Downtown Shreveport Historic District. The applicant is requesting to repave the existing parking lot and replace the fencing/safety rail with 6' fencing that will resemble wrought iron. A lift arm gate will be located at the driveway to control access to the site. Design of the lift arm gate will be consistent with the gates that control access to the exterior parking area of Government Plaza. A staircase is under construction at the corner of the site to allow for more direct access to the grounds of Government Plaza. Finally, a 25' tall square steel pole light will be placed at the southwest corner of the lot along McNeil and Texas St.

OTHER ACTIONS REQUIRED

The proposed project will require a Building Permit from the City of Shreveport Permits Division. The plans do not trigger MPC site plan review.

APPROVAL STANDARDS – Certificate of Appropriateness.

Per Shreveport UDC *Article 21, Section 21.5, D. Approval Standards*, for a Certificate of Appropriateness:

*It is not the intention of these regulations to require the reconstruction or restoration of individual or original buildings and/or prohibit the removal or demolition of the same. Upon review of the application for a Certificate of Appropriateness, the Shreveport HPC and the Executive Director of the Shreveport-Caddo MPC, or his/her designee, **must balance the following standards** in making any recommendation and/or determination for approval:*

- 1. Whether the proposed activity involving exterior features and/or exterior architectural features is harmonious with the special character of the HPOD.*

MPC STAFF COMMENTS: MPC staff finds that the proposed activity IS HARMONIOUS with the special character of the HPOD.

- 2. Whether the proposed activity will adversely affect any exterior feature and/or exterior architectural feature.*

MPC STAFF COMMENTS: MPC staff finds that the proposed activity WILL NOT adversely affect the exterior or architectural feature(s) and essence of the structure.

- 3. Whether the proposed activity will adversely affect the historic character of the landmark, site, building, structure, landscape and/or object.*

MPC STAFF COMMENTS: MPC staff finds that the proposed activity WILL NOT adversely affect the historic character of the structure and area.

4. *In considering new construction, if a contemporary design is used, the architectural styles from particular historic periods are not required; however, a determination regarding whether the contemporary design is harmonious with the character of the HPOD is required.*

MPC STAFF COMMENTS: MPC staff finds that the architectural style IS HARMONIOUS with the characteristics of the HPOD.

5. *Whether the proposed activity is in compliance with the design standards contained in Article 4.*

MPC STAFF COMMENTS: MPC staff finds that the proposed activity IS IN COMPLIANCE with the design standards contained in Article 4 of the Shreveport UDC.

MPC STAFF ANALYSIS

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Based on the analysis of the approval standards, staff finds that the proposed changes to the site will not be in conflict with the character of the Downtown Historic District. MPC staff recommends approval of the requested Certificate of Appropriateness.

MPC STAFF RECOMMENDATION

CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS.

MPC staff recommends APPROVAL of the requested Certificate of Appropriateness as it appears to meet the approval standards of Shreveport UDC Article 21, Section 21.5, D.

ATTACHMENTS

- Exhibit A. Zoning Map.
- Exhibit B. Existing conditions.
- Exhibit C. Proposed materials.

MPC STAFF RECOMMENDATION

MPC staff recommends APPROVAL of the requested Certificate of Appropriateness.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION (HPC) RECOMMENDATION (March 18, 2025)

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MPC EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S DECISION (March 18, 2025)

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Executive Director Signature:	Date:
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Exhibit A. Zoning Map.

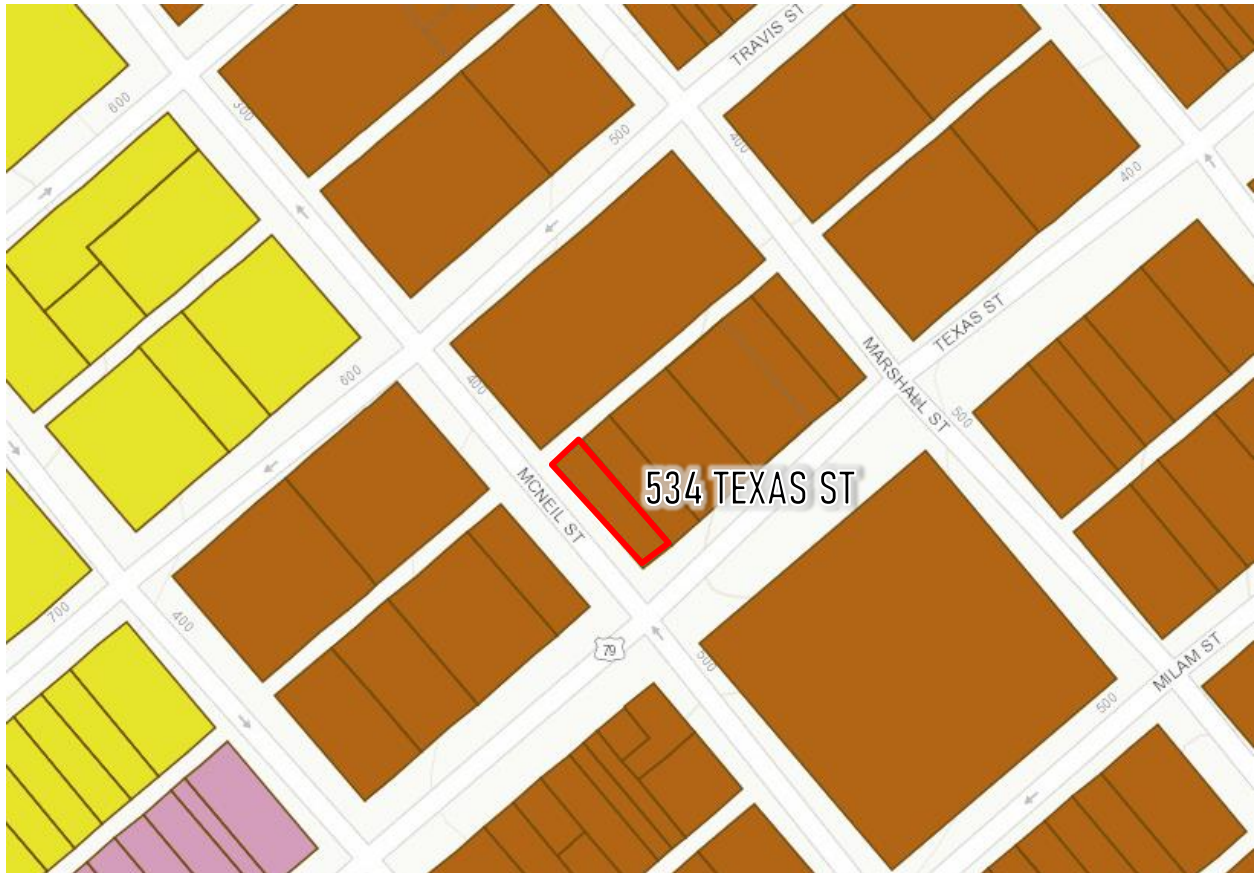


Exhibit B. Existing Conditions



Exhibit C. Proposed materials

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Styles



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Color: Bronze Weight: 240.0 lbs

