

## Certificate of Appropriateness

*Filing Date:* December 2, 2025  
*Case Number:* **25-57-HPC**  
*Request:* **Certificate of Appropriateness**  
*Project Address:* 900 Jordan Street, Shreveport, LA 71104  
*Historic District:* Historic Site  
*Zoning:* C-3 (General Commercial Zoning District)  
*Applicant:* Chasney Banner / Playground Boss  
*MPC Review by:* Walter Johnson, Community Planning Division  
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*HPC Meeting Date:* December 16, 2025

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### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Constructed in 1925, the First Presbyterian Church at 900 Jordan Street in Shreveport, Louisiana, is a red-brick Gothic Revival building distinguished by a prominent pointed-arch window with stone tracery and cathedral-like detailing. Although it has a traditional cruciform footprint, the interior follows an auditorium-style plan with curved pews and a raised chancel. Minimal alterations over time allowed the church to retain a high degree of architectural integrity and was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 2011.

### PROJECT SCOPE

- The church features a children's playground on the (eastern) Jordan Street side. This project proposes to add a mesh shelter over the playground area to shade children as they play outdoors.
- The shade will not connect to the current building, or any existing playground equipment.
- Shade structure will be approximately 40' x 40' with a 12' eave height.

### OTHER ACTIONS REQUIRED

The proposed project will require a Building Permit from the City of Shreveport Permits Division.

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### 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. The new addition(s) will retain the same architectural elements in color, siding and texture.**

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.**

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## **MPC STAFF ANALYSIS**

### **CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS**

Based on the analysis of the approval standards, MPC staff finds that the proposed repairs and additions are appropriate for **900 Jordan Street**. Therefore, MPC staff recommends Approval of this requested Certificate of Appropriateness.

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## **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*.

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## **ATTACHMENTS**

- Exhibit A. Front Façade View
- Exhibit B. Zoning Map
- Exhibit C. Vicinity Map
- Exhibit D. Project Scope

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## **HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION (HPC) RECOMMENDATION (December 16, 2025)**

### **CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS.**

## **MPC EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S DECISION (December 16, 2025)**

### **CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS.**

Executive Director Signature:	Date:
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Exhibit A. Front Facade View



Exhibit B. Zoning Map

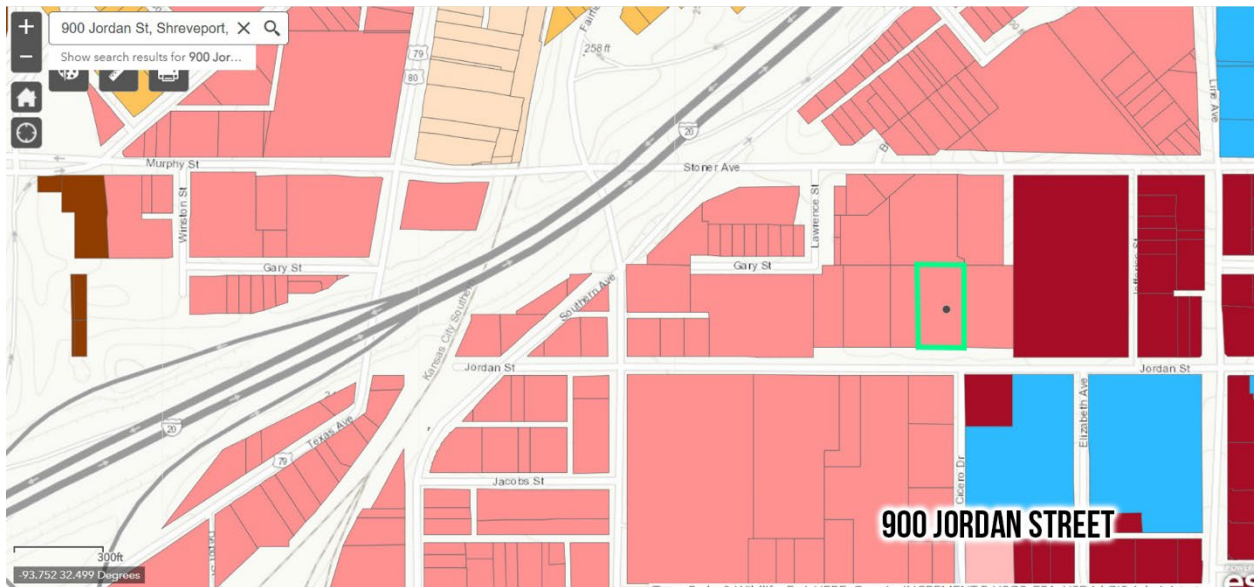


Exhibit C. Vicinity Map



Exhibit D. Project Scope

