

Shreveport Historic Preservation Commission

MINUTES Friday, January 23, 2026

Council Chambers at Government Plaza
505 Travis Street
Shreveport, Louisiana

Commissioners

Commissioner Jazmin Jernigan, Vice Chair
Commissioner Lane Callaway, Secretary
Commissioner Kenna Franklin

Visitors

William Hartman (COA 26-1 -HPC)
Jason Cram (COA 26-4-HPC)

Shreveport-Caddo Metropolitan Planning Commission (MPC)

Ms. Emily Trant, Planning Coordinator, MPC and HPC Ex-Officio
Mr. Walter Johnson, Community Planner II, MPC

City Attorney's Office

Mr. Tanner R. Yeldell, Assistant City Attorney

1. Meeting was called to order by Commissioner Jernigan, the Acting Chair at 4:00pm, with a quorum present.
2. Opening Remarks: The Acting Chair read the memorandum titled, *Identifying Procedures for Review of Applications* to all present.
3. Approval of HPC Meeting Minutes: The Acting Chair asked for questions, comments, and discussion on the HPC Minutes for December 16, 2025. Having none, the Acting Chair requested a motion, second and vote. Commissioner Franklin made the motion to approve, the second was made by the Acting Chair; the motion passed with three affirmative votes for; none against.
4. New Business:
 - a. Certificate of Appropriateness – COA 25-58-HPC: 854 Williamson Street, Contributing Element to St Paul's Bottoms Historic District; "Old" Galilee Church built 1924 to be repurposed as the North Louisiana Civil Rights Museum.
MPC Staff Case Report: Mr. Johnson presented the COA application consisting of the initial phase for repair with a follow-on COA is to be submitted for the second phase covering further renovation efforts. The COA application consisting of miniature drawings of the four elevations around the exterior of the church summarizing rehabilitation efforts, photograph of this multiple storied building from the primary street view, zoning map, and an aerial photograph pinpointing the subject property. Three photographs of the front façade depicts before and after rehabilitation conditions. Eight drawings of exterior rehabilitations and an interior photograph showing replacement windows. The MPC recommended Approval per the Shreveport UDC *Article 21, Section 21.5, D.*

Public Comments: The Vice Chair thanked Mr. Johnson and asked for public comments; there were none.

HPC Discussion and Vote on Recommendation: The Vice Chair asked for comments or questions from the Commissioners and recognized Commissioner Callaway who commented that after multiple visits to the property with city officials, state historic preservation officials, and staffers from the National Park Service, it was good to see this progress made and the rehabilitation moving forward. Having no other comments or questions, the Vice Chair asked for a motion, second and vote resulting in Commissioner Callaway making the motion to approve with the second made by Commissioner Franklin. Resulting vote was three affirmative votes for, none against.

b. Certificate of Appropriateness – COA 26-1-HPC: 1608 Highland Avenue, Highland Historic District; single storied residential dwelling. *Administrative Note: COD 25-31 recommended approval on July 15, 2025; acquired by Revitalize Historic Highland to repair and renovate.*

MPC Staff Case Report: Mr. Johnson presented the COA application consisting of the initial phase for repair of the dwelling with a follow-on COA for the second phase of various renovation efforts. For this initial phase, the COA listed five distinct repair, removal, and analysis tasks. The COA consisted of a photograph of the dwelling from the primary street view, zoning map, and an aerial photograph pinpointing the subject property, seven photographs of the dwelling's exterior elevations, five interior photographs, and three diagrams. The MPC recommended Approval per the Shreveport UDC *Article 21, Section 21.5, D.*

Public Comments: The Vice Chair thanked Mr. Johnson and asked for public comments; and recognized Mr. William Hartman, Executive Director of Revitalize Historic Highland. Mr. Hartman emphasized that this Phase One to beginning the repair effort with Phase Two for the rehabilitation.

HPC Discussion and Vote on Recommendation: The Vice Chair thanked Mr. Hartman and asked about the extended timeline for the project. Mr. Hartman noted intent is by end of coming summer. Having no other comments or questions, the Vice Chair asked for a motion, second and vote. Commissioner Callaway made the motion to approve with the second made by Commissioner Franklin. Resulting vote was three affirmative votes for, none against.

c. Certificate of Appropriateness – COA 26-4-HPC: 1717 Irving Place, Highland Historic District; two-storied building.

MPC Staff Case Report: Mr. Johnson presented the COA application with a five-step project of repairs, rehabilitation and repurposing this building with 21 sleeping units and toilet rooms meeting ADA requirements. The current rehabilitation facility is being converted into a transient living facility for veterans. Proposed the building's exterior to have Hardie siding installed, new doors and windows installed, and an ADA ramp added. The site itself will have minimum change with a dumpster area added but existing parking mostly remaining.

The COA consisted of a photograph of the dwelling from the primary street view, zoning map, and an aerial photograph pinpointing the subject property, three architectural detailed graphics, a detailed Description of Work, four photographs of the building's exterior, a photograph of the existing handrails on the porch and the proposed porch railing, photograph existing main entrance and proposed door replacement, photograph of the existing vinyl siding

and replacement Hardie siding with same reveal of that being removed, photograph of existing roof and proposed roof shingle to stop roof leaks, and photograph of existing windows to be replaced with proposed energy star double hung winds to match existing windows.

The MPC recommended Approval per the Shreveport UDC *Article 21, Section 21.5, D.*

Public Comments: The Vice Chair thanked Mr. Johnson and asked for public comments; there were none although Mr. Cram, the applicant was available to answer any questions.

HPC Discussion and Vote on Recommendation: The Vice Chair asked for comments or questions from the Commissioners and having none, asked for a motion, second and vote. Commissioner Callaway made the motion to approve with the second made by Commissioner Franklin. Resulting vote was three affirmative votes for, none against.

5. Updates, Advising, Awareness, and HPC Business Items: The Acting Chair asked for any updates:

- a. Commissioner Callaway reminded all the next HPC meeting was moved to Friday, February 20 due to President's Day holiday at beginning of the week.
- b. Update NRHP nomination for Old City Hall, 1234 Texas Avenue: Commissioner Callaway noted a primary contractor had been awarded the construction of the new Shreveport Police Department building with demolition date to be determined for the older Department's complex that connects to the history building.

6. Public Comments: The Acting Chair asked for public comments.

- a. Emily Trant, HPC Ex-Officio noted there was an emergency demolition of a historic building due posing danger to the public. Commissioner Callaway asked to get the details so to have Louisiana Historic Preservation Office delist the property from the National Register.
- b. Walter Johnson, MPC Planner, noted the MPC has been in contact with the WIELAND architects working HPC's multiple stipulations on COAs for the two buildings on Commerce Street within the Shreveport Commercial Historic District; progress is being made so to present to the HPC.

7. Adjournment: The Acting Chair requested a motion to adjourn and asked for a second and vote. Commissioner Callaway made the motion to adjourn that was seconded by Commissioner Franklin with the motion passing with three affirmative votes for; none against. The Acting Chair adjourned the HPC Meeting at 4:28pm.