

Shreveport Historic Preservation Commission

MINUTES
Friday, February 20, 2026

Council Chambers at Government Plaza
505 Travis Street
Shreveport, Louisiana

Commissioners

Commissioner Lane Callaway, Secretary
Commissioner Kenna Franklin
Associate Commissioner Mischa Farrell

Visitors

Ronald Norman (COA 26-8 -HPC)

Shreveport-Caddo Metropolitan Planning Commission (MPC)

Mr. Nikolas Holt, MPC Planning Division, Planner I and acting HPC Ex-Officio
Mr. Walter Johnson, MPC Planning Division, Planner I

City Attorney's Office

Mr. Tanner R. Yeldell, Assistant City Attorney

1. Meeting was called to order by Commissioner Callaway as the Acting Chair at 4:11pm, with a quorum present. *Administrative Note:* Associate Commissioner Farrell substituted for Commissioner Jazmin Jernigan.
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 January 23, 2025. Having none, the Acting Chair requested a motion, second and vote. Associate Commissioner Farrell made the motion to approve, the second was made by the Commissioner Franklin; the motion passed with three affirmative votes for; none against.
4. New Business:
 - Certificate of Appropriateness – COA 26-8-HPC: 503/505 Stoner Avenue, Intrusion to the Highland Historic District; corner lot storefront modification.
 - MPC Staff Case Report: Mr. Johnson presented the COA application consisting of a photograph of the empty one-storied, flat-roof commercial building from the primary street view, zoning map, an aerial photograph pinpointing the subject property, three figures showing before and proposed after views of the project scope, diagram of details of the parapet details, and HPC Application Form.
 - This initial project covers the adding of parapets to the building's roofline; not to exceed 20 feet in height from ground level. Parapets are to be added to the south side of this corner lot building facing Stoner Avenue and to the east side facing Highland Avenue. This purpose of this specific alternation is to vary the visual design, cosmetic, and aesthetic appeal of the building containing three contiguous but separate business spaces. It is expected as the rehabilitation of

this commercial building and its three business sections continue, additional COAs are to be submitted.

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

Public Comments: The Acting Chair thanked Mr. Johnson and asked for public comments; and recognized Mr. Ronald Norman, the Applicant. Mr. Norman noted this initial effort is to provide the vacant commercial building a better look so make it useful and attractive for future tenants.

HPC Discussion and Vote on Recommendation: The Acting Chair thanked Mr. Norman and asked for any questions or comments from the Commissioners. Associate Commissioner Farrell applauded the effort and Commissioner Callaway noted it was a good start. Having no other comments or questions, the Acting Chair asked for a motion, second and vote. Associate Commissioner Farrell 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:

a. The Acting Chair noted the return on March 17 to the regular HPC session on the third Tuesday.

b. Update: The Acting Chair note a Determination of No Material Effect (DNME) on a COA for 1032 Ontario Street, South Highland Historic District; rear deck medication for a multi-storied residential dwelling.

c. Advising: The Acting Chair noted of providing historic data and photographs of modernist skyscrapers in Shreveport for NRHP nomination of 400 Texas Street high-rise. Once this nomination is scheduled for the state review committee, then HPC shall be asked for a review committee and provide comments per its Certified Local Government duties.

6. Public Comments: The Acting Chair asked for public comments. Mr. Johnson provided the latest contact with WIELAND architects on the status of the two buildings on Commerce Street; they continue to work on the multiple stipulations asked for by the HPC. The Acting Chair thanked Mr. Johnson and noted confidence the stipulations would be answered in time. The Acting Chair asked Mr. Johnson on the COA for the proposed Sphere building. Mr. Johnson indicated that COA has not been submitted yet.

7. Adjournment: The Acting Chair requested a motion to adjourn and asked for a second and vote. Associate Commissioner Farrell 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 4:26pm.