

Certificate of Appropriateness

Filing Date: April 24, 2026
Case Number: **26-25-HPC**
Request: **Certificate of Appropriateness**
Project Address: 814 Crockett, Shreveport, LA 71101
Historic District: Downtown Shreveport Historic District
Zoning: D-1-AC (Downtown Arts and Culture Sub-District)
Applicant: Chris Coe / COE Architecture
MPC Review by: Walter Johnson, Community Planning Division
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HPC Meeting Date: May 19, 2026

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

814 Crockett Street is the site of in the Downtown Shreveport Historic district. The proposed project calls for a Certificate of Appropriateness for Crockett Street row houses (4), a four-story multifamily complex and a community center, which are all new components of the campus expansion for Providence House.

PROJECT SCOPE

Providence House serves homeless families with children in Northwest Louisiana from its' current historic building at 814 Cotton Street in Downtown Shreveport. This existing building was not built for this purpose and is severely limiting the non-profit organization's ability to serve more families, and in-turn strengthen our community.

The organization owns the site at 821 Crockett Street, adjacent to the rear of their building at 814 Cotton Street.

The proposed development on this site includes 5 new buildings, one 4-story multifamily apartment building and four 1-story single-family houses, which will further support the ongoing Providence House mission of "breaking the homeless cycle one family at a time".

All of the buildings have been designed with great respect and deference to the historic quality of the area and, with minor variances, in accordance with the Design Standards stipulated in the MPC.

Uniform Development Code

The larger 4-story building has been placed near the rear of the site to ensure it will not overwhelm the 1922 Central Fire Station (now SRAC). The building is clad in white brick with glazed green tile accents and features an animated pitched roof cornice. The light tone of the brick and the green accents reference the exterior design of the Central Fire Station, as well as the adjacent Providence House building at 814 Cotton Street. There is a one-story community room on the west side of the building, also with animated pitched roofline, which acts as a scaled transition to Common Park next door.

The four 1-story single family houses are grouped along the sidewalk frontage of Crockett Street and, with their pitched roofs and front porches, recall the bungalow houses that existed in Downtown almost a century ago. The houses are intentionally spaced as close together as the Building Code will allow (which

is 5' from each other), in order to create a strong identifiable "street wall" and "village" effect. They are clad in traditional materials, including horizontal clapboard and shingle roofing.

The houses also symbolically and physically represent the final step in a Providence House client's journey from homelessness to supported independence.

For security purposes, new metal picket fencing will enclose the majority of the site. But it will be designed to be as unobtrusive as possible. The applicant may engage the Shreveport Regional Arts Council to assist in the design of the fence so that it appears to be an integral component to Common Park.

The existing historic building at 814 Cotton Street will remain in use by Providence House, primarily for administrative, educational and communal dining uses. The exterior will remain unchanged except for routine maintenance and refreshed painting in its existing colors.

OTHER ACTIONS REQUIRED

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

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. These 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.

MPC STAFF ANALYSIS

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Based on the analysis of the approval standards, MPC staff finds that the proposed repairs and additions are appropriate for **814 Crockett Street**. Therefore, MPC staff recommends Approval of this requested Certificate of Appropriateness.

MPC STAFF RECOMMENDATION

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

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION (HPC) RECOMMENDATION (May 19, 2026)

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MPC EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S DECISION (May 19, 2026)

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

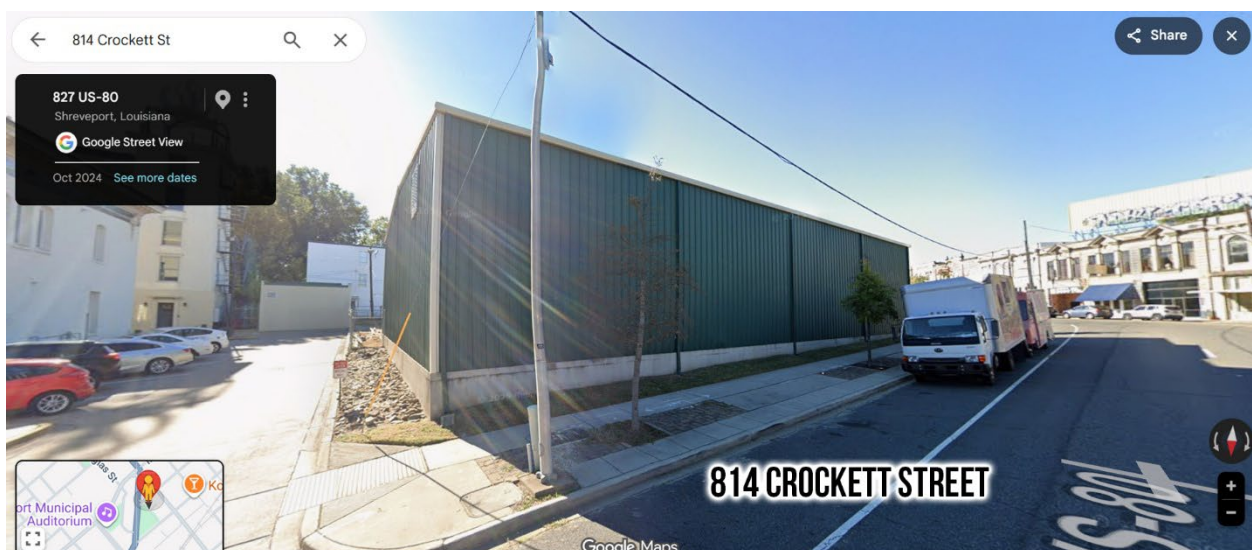


Exhibit B. Zoning Map

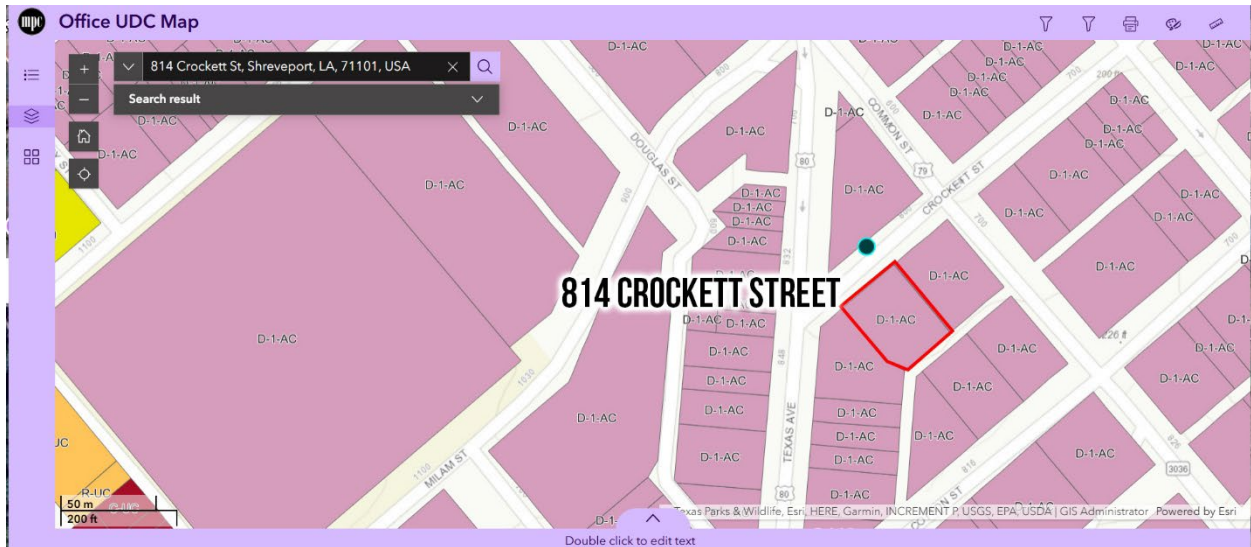


Exhibit C. Vicinity Map



Exhibit D. Project Scope



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