

Shreveport Historic Preservation Commission

MINUTES Tuesday, April 21, 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

Lisa Hayes, Shreveport Property Standards
Christopher Cole (COD 26-21 -HPC)

Shreveport-Caddo Metropolitan Planning Commission (MPC)

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

1. Meeting was called to order by Commissioner Jernigan, the Acting Chair at 4:05pm, 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 March 17, 2026. Having none, the Acting Chair requested a motion, second and vote. Commissioner Franklin made the motion to approve with the second made by the Commissioner Callaway; the motion passed with three affirmative votes for; none against.
4. New Business:
 - a. Certificate of Demolition – COD 26-17-HPC: 1550 Gilbert Drive, Highland Historic District, Contributing Element; two storied residential dwelling.
MPC Staff Case Report: Mr. Johnson presented the COD application describing a health and safety risk to the public as noted by Shreveport Property Standards, the applicant. The COD consisted of a photograph of the dwelling from the primary street view, zoning map, and an aerial photograph pinpointing the subject property, and 18 photographs. These photographs depicted the dwelling's exterior elevations around the entire building. These photographs detailed severe deteriorated conditions on the ground and upper stories of this dwelling property. Mr. Johnson noted several of the photographs show what appears to be burnt surfaces but actually is severe mold on the surface and several photographs shows the roof is caving into house. The MPC recommended Approval per Article 21, Section 21.6.D.

Public Comments: The Acting Chair thanked Mr. Johnson and recognized Ms. Lisa Hayes from Shreveport Property Standards. Ms. Hayes noted the property's owner in 2025 indicated a desire to rehabilitate the house however, no action had been taken and the series of photographs from March 2026 show even more decay. The Acting Chair thanked Ms. Hayes and asked for any additional public comments; there were none.

HPC Discussion and Vote on Recommendation: The Acting Chair asked for comments or questions from the Commissioners and recognized Commissioner Callaway who asked Ms. Hayes had there been any calls to the police or fire department to the property. Ms. Hayes indicated there had been none. Having no additional comments or question from the Commissioners, the Acting Chair asked for a motion, second and vote. Commissioner Franklin made the motion to approve, with the second made by Commissioner Callaway resulting three affirmative votes for, none against.

b. Certificate of Demolition – COD 26-18-HPC: 437 Columbia Street, Highland Historic District; single storied dwelling.

MPC Staff Case Report: Mr. Johnson presented the COD application describing a health and safety risk to the public as noted by Shreveport Property Standards, the applicant. Mr. Johnson noted that the COD application applied to the damaged shed structures in the back yard and not the primary dwelling. The COD consisted of a photograph of the dwelling from the primary street view, zoning map, and an aerial photograph pinpointing the subject property, and 10 photographs. These photographs depicted one shed demolished due to a large tree that had fallen on it and the adjacent shed was very deteriorated but still standing. These photographs detailed severe destruction and deteriorated conditions of these backyard structures.

The MPC recommended Approval per Article 21, Section 21.6.D.

Public Comments: The Acting Chair thanked Mr. Johnson and recognized Ms. Lisa Hayes from Shreveport Property Standards. Ms. Hayes noted safety risk due to numerous violations and that the property owners had not responded to notices by Property Standards. The Acting Chair thanked Ms. Hayes and asked for any additional public comments; there were none.

HPC Discussion and Vote on Recommendation: The Acting Chair asked for comments or questions from the Commissioners and recognized Commissioner Franklin who asked if the neighbors had commented on the sheds. Ms. Hayes noted none that the violations had been discovered by the sweep of the neighborhood by Property Standards. Commissioner Franklin inquired if there were any items of value found within the sheds. Ms. Hayes indicated none found, the fallen tree had completely demolished one shed, and an inoperable vehicle on the property had been removed.

Having no additional comments or question from the Commissioners, the Acting Chair asked for a motion, second and vote. Commissioner Franklin made the motion to approve, with the second made by Commissioner Callaway resulting three affirmative votes for, none against.

c. Certificate of Demolition – COD 26-19-HPC: 1126 College Street, Fairfield Historic District, Contributing Element; built 1914, two storied foursquare-style dwelling.

MPC Staff Case Report: Mr. Johnson presented the COD application describing a health and safety risk to the public as noted by Shreveport Property Standards, the applicant. The COD consisted of a photograph of the dwelling from the primary street view, zoning map, and an aerial photograph pinpointing the subject property, and 18 photographs.

These photographs depicted the dwelling's exterior elevations around the entire building and showed in detail severe deteriorated conditions on the ground and upper stories of this dwelling property. Several of the photographs of the front, sides and rear elevation of the dwelling shows a mixture of demolition, new materials applied, and holes in the exterior surfaces. A few photographs depict new windows placed in the various elevations surrounded

by new and deteriorated surfaces. The property's yard areas have new and torn out old structural materials in piles. The MPC recommended Approval per Article 21, Section 21.6.D.

Public Comments: The Acting Chair thanked Mr. Johnson and recognized Ms. Lisa Hayes from Shreveport Property Standards. Ms. Haynes noted safety risk due to numerous violations and as can be seen from the photographs of large areas of deterioration and holes in the exterior walls. Ms. Haynes explain that the property had suffered fire damage and over the last few years the owner has been attempting to repair the dwelling with their own funds but the efforts to repair had been sporadic. And weather-related water damage had occurred due to the open, unrepaired areas of the exterior walls. The Acting Chair thanked Ms. Hayes and asked for any additional public comments; there were none.

HPC Discussion and Vote on Recommendation: The Acting Chair asked Ms. Hayes if the neighbors to the property had complained. Ms. Hayes replied no complaints but a neighbor noted the structure had been damaged by fire about two years ago and there had been periodic activity to repair. Commissioner Callaway ask of any instances that the police or emergency agencies had to visit the property. Ms. Hayes stated none that she was aware of. Commissioner Franklin asked if Property Standards had contacted the owner. Ms. Hayes noted multiple attempts but no response.

Having no additional comments or questions from the Commissioners, the Acting Chair asked for a motion, second and vote. Commissioner Franklin made the motion to approve with stipulation that the owner be contacted on their intent and way ahead before any wholesale demolition is done by the city. The second was made by Commissioner Callaway resulting in three affirmative votes for, none against.

d. Certificate of Demolition – COD 26-21-HPC: 814 Crockett Street, Shreveport Commercial Historic District, Noncontributing Element; single storied metal storage building. *Administrative Note:* This property is listed as Crockett Street but without an address on the approved application for the Shreveport Commercial Historic District. The 814 number is per Google Maps and used for the COD as a reference until an actual physical address within the 800 block of Crockett Street / US Highway 80 is officially assigned.

MPC Staff Case Report: Mr. Johnson presented the COD application for the disassembling of a tin (green with white trim) storage building that is one-storied, 22 feet high, square footage of 6,500, and composed of pre-engineered metal exterior and support framing. Once disassembled; the concrete slab-on-grade foundation, the adjacent asphalt parking area of 7,000 square feet, and the 900 square feet of concrete sidewalk pavement – are to be removed in this initial phase of the project as preparation for a future, follow-on phase of a new residential facility for Providence House.

The COD consisted of a photograph of the storage building from the Crockett Street / US Highway 80 street view, zoning map, and an aerial photograph pinpointing the subject property, and five photographs depicting the dwelling's four exterior elevations around the entire building. The primary entry ways into the facility faces away from Crockett Street / US Highway 80 and toward an alley way. The asphalt parking area and concrete sidewalk to be removed are located in front of entry ways to the building facing the alley way as depicted in the first photograph of Exhibit D of the application.

The proposed residential facility is in the planning stages and will require a Certificate of Appropriateness.

The MPC recommends Approval per Article 21, Section 21.6.D for the disassembly of the storage building and removal of the foundation and adjacent surface asphalt and concrete.

Public Comments: The Acting Chair thanked Mr. Johnson and recognized Mr. Christopher Coe, architect and applicant. Mr. Coe reinforced that the steel structure is to be disassembled and sold with the proceeds planned to pay for the removal of the concrete and other paved surfaces on the lot. He noted that an open public meeting is to be conducted in May and the plans for a residential building for the lot is being developed.

The Acting Chair thanked Mr. Coe and asked for any additional public comments; there were none.

HPC Discussion and Vote on Recommendation: The Acting Chair asked for comments or questions from the Commissioners. Having none, the Acting Chair made the motion to approve and asked for a second and vote. Commissioner Franklin made the second, resulting in three affirmative votes for, none against.

5. Updates, Advising, Awareness, and HPC Business Items: The Acting Chair recognized Commissioner Callaway who provided an overview of the following items.

- Update: Renewal of Certified Local Government (CLG) designation is in process.
- Awareness: Possible revised commercial mixed-use code for Texas Avenue from Austen Place to Murphy Street (part of St Paul's Bottoms Historic District).
- Awareness: Nomination of 400 Texas Street, skyscraper and its attached garage to NRHP: Commissioner Callaway provided historic data and photographs of skyscrapers and aerials of historic downtown to the nomination writer in New Orleans. The National Park Service suggested the nomination application include comparison of surrounding skyscrapers. Once scheduled for State Review Committee – HPC shall be asked to do a due diligence CLG review with HPC recommendation to be signed by the Mayor of Shreveport before nomination can go forward. CLG item could be on July 21 HPC agenda.

6. Public Comments: The Acting Chair asked for public comments, there were none.

7. Adjournment: The Acting Chair requested a motion to adjourn and asked for a second and vote. Commissioner Franklin made the motion to adjourn that was seconded by Commissioner Callaway with the motion passing with three affirmative votes for; none against. The Acting Chair adjourned the HPC Meeting at 4:45pm.