



## 2017 MPC ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1. **City of Shreveport Unified Development Code (UDC).** After 2 ½ years of public outreach, extensive negotiations with community stakeholders and three working drafts along with strategic amendments and zoning map changes the UDC was adopted by the City Council in February 2017 and became effective May 15, 2017.
2. **Caddo Parish Unified Development Code (UDC).** After deciding to pursue a separate UDC for the Parish, the Commission in September 2017 adopted a code very similar to the one adopted by the City of Shreveport. The Caddo Parish UDC became effective on December 1, 2017.
3. **Northwest Louisiana Regional Thoroughfare Plan.** In 2017 the first ever Regional Thoroughfare Plan for the City of Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Bossier City and Bossier Parish was initiated through the joint efforts of the MPC and NLCOG Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). The plan will provide a long term and practical vision of transportation needs (highways, roadways, bike & pedestrian systems and mass transit) and solutions for both Parishes. A final plan is expected in January 2018 and will be presented to the respective governing bodies for official adoption.
4. **Financial Sustainability Study.** The MPC for the first time in its history as an organization commissioned a financial sustainability study that sought to understand the relationship between the services provided by the MPC and the City and Parish and the revenues collected for those services, as well as identify potential changes to the organization's financial structure to ensure ongoing fiscal sustainability. The final study, which includes strategic recommendations, was completed in September 2017. This objective and comprehensive study was distributed to both the City Council and Parish Commission in order to initiate a constructive dialogue on how to implement a more fiscally sound and equitable financial approach for our organization.
5. **Revised MPC By-Laws: Rules and Procedures.** The MPC By-Laws have been periodically amended, but not comprehensively updated in decades. Many of the procedures did not reflect national best practices for Planning Commissions. The MPC Rules and Procedures Committee with the assistance of staff and the MPC Legal Counsel revised the By-Laws to include new procedures consistent with applicable laws and regulations as well as national best practices.
6. **Introduction of an Interactive Web Based Zoning Map.** The new web based map is scalable, searchable and is continuously updated as zoning cases are approved. Since the map was introduced in June 2017, developers, design professionals, real estate professionals and citizens have expressed great appreciation for this new user friendly tool on the MPC website.
7. **New Development Applications and Forms.** All of the development applications, checklists and forms were completely rewritten and published as part of the UDC implementation for both the City and Parish. All of the forms, checklists and applications are now available online for use by the public.
8. **Reorganized MPC Divisional Structure.** Major restructuring of the MPC organization which now includes the following divisions: Administration, Land Development, Community Planning/GIS and Zoning Enforcement. This reorganization has greatly enhanced our level of professional services to the development community and the citizens of Shreveport/Caddo.



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9. **UDC User's Manual.** The manual is a quick and easy reference guide of the code that allows citizens and professionals in the development community topical references to code provisions affecting real estate development.
10. **Staff Report Format Revisions.** An updated format for staff reports including more precise information along with the staff recommendation has resulted in a better informed MPC Board and ZBA, and has improved communication with the applicants.
11. **Landscaping and Tree Preservation Manual.** Briefly summarizes the regulations for landscaping, buffering, and screening that apply to public and private development detailed in both the City of Shreveport UDC and Caddo Parish UDC.
12. **Effectively Responded to Over 35 Public Records Requests.** On a regular basis the MPC has to utilize staff time and resources to respond to public records requests from citizens, agencies and other interested parties. These responses are handled in coordination with the MPC Legal Counsel in order to fully comply with the state and federal regulations of the Freedom of Information Act.