

Shreveport Historic Preservation Commission

MINUTES December 17, 2019

Room 440, Metropolitan Planning Commission Conference Room
Government Plaza
505 Travis Street
Shreveport, Louisiana

Commissioners

Commissioner Gary Joiner, Chair
Commissioner Frances Conley
Commissioner Billy Wayne, Vice Chair
Commissioner Lane Callaway, Secretary

Visitors

None

Shreveport-Caddo Metropolitan Planning Commission

Mr. James Djamba, Community Planner

1. Meeting was called to order at 4:00pm by the Chair with a quorum present.
2. Opening Remarks: Chair referred to memorandum titled, *Identifying Procedures for Review of Applications* to all present.
3. Approval of Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) Minutes for November 19, 2019: Chair asked for questions or discussion on the Minutes; being none, Chair asked for a motion to approve these Minutes. Motion to approve made by Commissioner Conley and seconded by Commissioner Wayne; unanimously passed.
4. Two requests for a Certificate of Demolition (COD) were considered with any HPC recommendation made to Executive Director, Shreveport-Caddo Metropolitan Planning Commission (MPC).

4a. Case Number COD 19-329-HPC – Demolition: 1504 Peabody Street, multiple Shotgun-style dwellings (single and double styles) all Contributing Elements to St Paul's Bottoms Historic District. This COD was tabled during October 15, 2019 per HPC wanting a legal clarification. Office of City Attorney requested a delay for consideration during the November 19 HPC meeting. Until a clarification is received from the City Attorney, the Chair tabled this COD request.

4b. Case Number COD 19-333-HPC – Demolition: 446 Wichita Street: Residential one-storied dwelling that is a Contributing Element to Highland Historic District.

MPC Staff Case Report: Mr. Djamba noted the applicate is the City of Shreveport. The Case Report contained a map and 16 photographs including two showing Property Standards notification posted on the building. Case Report noted the property's owner made an appeal that per Mr. Djamba is to be held on-or-about 21 January 2020. MPC's recommended a denial of the COD request pending results of the appeal.

Public Comments: None.

HPC Discussion and Vote on Recommendation: The Chair requested Commissioners comments and questions. Commissioner Wayne expressed a concern of a safety and possible fire hazard since the photos show advanced deterioration. The Chair noted the hazard of a semi-present front porch and what it seems to be warped old brick piers holding the bulk of the structure.

Being no further discussion, the Chair noted the January appeal by the owner and asked for a motion. Commissioner Callaway made the motion to support MPC's denial with motion seconded by Commissioner Joiner; unanimously passed.

5. Historic Preservation Advising:

5a. Modern Beauty Shop at 1544 Milam Street. Commissioners Joiner, Wayne, and Callaway visited the property on November 29 per the invitation of Ms. Carolyn Jones; owner of Modern Beauty Shop. The Commissioners made observations of the exterior and the interior of this commercial building built in 1958 with an eye towards a possible nomination to the National Register of Historic Places.

5b. Antioch Baptist Church. Although not on the agenda, the Chair allowed an update by Commissioner Callaway on a visit to this National Register-listed building on November 26. Per invite by Pastor Bruce Carroll and four Deacons; Commissioners Wayne and Callaway visited along with architect Mischa Farrell who has been advising on rehabilitation aspects of the building. The invited group took a complete tour of the interior and exterior of the building reaffirming need for rehabilitation effort. The visiting group fielded numerous questions by the Board of Deacons. The Pastors and Deacons are very supported of the rehabilitation prospects of this historic building that has a state-level significance on the National Register.

6. Public Comments: The Chair asked for any public comments; there were none.

7. Adjournment: Having no addition business to conduct, the Chair requested a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Callaway made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Conley; with resulting unanimous vote. Chair adjourned the Meeting at 4:50pm.