

**SHREVEPORT METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION OF CADDO PARISH
SUMMARY MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING
June 3rd, 2020**

The Metropolitan Planning Commission does hereby certify that it was unable to hold a commission meeting under regular quorum requirements due to COVID-19. On authority of the Governor under Section 4 of Proclamation Number JBE 2020-59, the next Commission meeting will be held via video/teleconference conference on Wednesday, June 3rd, 2020 at 3:00pm. All efforts will be made to provide for observation and input by members of the public.

A regularly scheduled virtual public hearing of the Shreveport Metropolitan Planning Commission of Caddo Parish was held on Wednesday, June 3rd, 2020 at 3:00 p.m. via a live video/teleconference. The members met prior to the public hearing for the case manager presentations.

Members Present

Winzer Andrews, Chair
Nancy Cooper, Immediate Past Chair
Lea Desmarteau, Vice Chair
Curtis Joseph, Secretary
Chris Elberson
Dale Colvin
Laura Neubert
Bessie Smith
Mauricio Roca

Staff Present

Alan Clarke, Executive Director
Stephen Jean, Deputy Director
Reginald Jordan, Zoning Administrator
Adam Bailey, Community Planning & Design Mgr.
Markeya Daniel, Admin. Assistant
Gernine Mailhes, City Attorney's Office
Emily Trant, Executive Assistant
Alice Correa, Land Use Coordinator
Jake Palant, Planner

The hearing was opened with prayer by **MR. ELBERSON**. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by **MR. COLVIN**.

The meeting was called to order & the procedure for hearing the applications on today's agenda was explained. Comments submitted by the public were read into record by members of the MPC Board. Comments on any item not on the agenda will be limited to 3 minutes at the end of the public hearing. All comments that were submitted may be viewed in the public record files.

All decisions rendered by the Metropolitan Planning Commission are subject to appeal to the appropriate governing body, either the City Council or the Caddo Parish Commission. Appeals must be filed within 10 days from the date a decision is rendered by the Metropolitan Planning Commission.

A motion was made by MRS. SMITH, seconded by MR. JOSEPH, to approve the minutes of the May 6th, 2020 public hearing as submitted.

The motion was adopted by the following 9-0 vote: Ayes: Messrs. ANDREWS, COLVIN, ELBERSON, JOSEPH & ROCA & Mes. COOPER, DESMARTEAU, NEUBERT & SMITH Nays: NONE. Absent: NONE.

CONSENT AGENDA

There were no items on the consent agenda.

PUBLIC HEARING

CASE NO. 20-55-C ZONING REQUEST

Applicant: MOHR AND ASSOCIATES, INC.
Owner: N/A
Location: 1100 Sprague Street (North corner of Sprague Street and Christian Street)
Existing Zoning: R-UC
Request: R-UC to D-1-RMU
Proposed Use: Dwelling Multi-Family

Jake Palant presented the application to the Board.

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Nancy Cooper read the comment that was submitted by the applicant.

The applicant stated that the property is a continuation of the Millennium Studios Apartments development which has two sites under construction and two more under design. This site will house a similar proposed multi-family development to those that have already been approved.

The D-1-RMU zoning requested brings this property's zoning in alignment with the zoning of the previous project sites.

There were no comments submitted in opposition to this application.

A motion was made by MRS. SMITH, seconded by MRS. COOPER, to recommend this application for approval.

The motion was adopted by the following 9-0 vote: Ayes: Messrs. ANDREWS, COLVIN, ELBERSON, JOSEPH & ROCA & Meses. COOPER, DESMARTEAU, NEUBERT & SMITH Nays: NONE. Absent: NONE.

CASE NO. 20-56-C ZONING REQUEST

Applicant:	MOHR AND ASSOCIATES
Owner	N/A
Location:	1227 Fannin Street (North corner of Travis Street and Schumpert Street)
Existing Zoning	R-UC
Request	R-UC to D-1-RMU
Proposed Use:	Dwelling Multi-Family

Jake Palant presented the application to the Board.

Nancy Cooper read the comment that was submitted by the applicant.

The applicant stated that the property is a continuation of the Millennium Studios Apartments development which has two sites under construction and two more under design. This site will house a similar proposed multi-family development to those that have already been approved.

The D-1-RMU zoning requested brings this property's zoning in alignment with the zoning of the previous project sites.

There were no comments submitted in opposition to this application.

A motion was made by MRS. SMITH, seconded by MS. NEUBERT, to recommend this application for approval.

The motion was adopted by the following 9-0 vote: Ayes: Messrs. ANDREWS, COLVIN, ELBERSON, JOSEPH & ROCA & Meses. COOPER, DESMARTEAU, NEUBERT & SMITH Nays: NONE. Absent: NONE.

END OF PUBLIC HEARING

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Research

Mr. Clarke clarified to the Board that the legal representation was present at the hearing, but she was off camera.

Adam Bailey explained that the Community Planning Division has studied annexation procedures from other cities and drafted a report for the MPC to review; this will be ready next month as well as the draft Master Plan Progress Report will be ready next month. In addition, the Community Planning will present the draft Planning Area Development Code for the areas outside of the City limits. The MPC is still drafting the Planning Area Development Code in the case HB697 is vetoed or to provide a template for the future Caddo Parish planning initiatives. Mr. Clarke explained that a framework for protection, planning, and development will still be needed for the residents outside of the planning limits whether or not this is through the MPC.

Mr. Clarke stated that a lot of business have closed down and been affected by COVID-19. He asked that the Land Use and Development Division suspend or reduce some of the requirements that are needed for businesses. Stephen Jean explained that the Land Use and Development Division is proactively identifying areas in the code that could assist in local economic recovery by removing unnecessary impediments or delays in obtaining building permits to help bring vacant buildings back into

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commerce. Some areas that may be affected are the drive through facilities and outdoor dining. Retail centers may become more pick up or distribution type centers. This is anticipated as being a code text amendment.

OTHER MATTERS TO BE REVIEWED BY THE COMMISSION

CHAIR/BOARD MEMBER'S COMMENTS

A motion was made by MRS. SMITH, seconded by MRS. COOPER, to adjourn the public hearing.

The motion was adopted by the following 9-0 vote: Ayes: Messrs. ANDREWS, COLVIN, ELBERSON, JOSEPH & ROCA & Meses. COOPER, DESMARTEAU, NEUBERT & SMITH Nays: NONE. Absent: NONE.

ADJOURN 4:56 p.m.

Winzer Andrews, Chair

Lea Desmarteau, Secretary