

PZD

2012-2013 Significant Activities and Accomplishments

- 1) The Codes Division aggressively continued “Operation Blight-Out”. This special effort was designed to clean up neighborhoods by eliminating abandoned and decayed property. In this last year, forty-six demolitions took place and seventy-seven properties were renovated.
- 2) The PZD staff was actively involved in Community Forums for the Comprehensive Plan. The staff participated in extensive outreach and hosted community meetings.
- 3) The Preservation Commission added eight new properties to the Historic Property Register. The Commission also held a Spring Gala which included an antique car display and a walking tour of historic properties in the Elmhurst Park neighborhood.

The Commission is ending the year with historic preservation lectures on early Louisiana history and architecture.

- 4) The annexation program added 672 acres into the City of Lafayette. The largest of these were Plantation Oaks and the proposed Woodlands of Acadiana.
- 5) The Planning and Zoning Commissions met twenty-four times during this fiscal year. Proposed development, mainly residential, hit record numbers. Ninety-two developments were approved by the Planning Commission, resulting in the creation of 1,618 new lots. Notable projects were Grand Pointe, Phase IV, Enclave, Evangeline Grove and the Woodlands of Acadiana.

The Zoning Commission reviewed twenty-four cases for rezoning and annexation. One of the more high profile cases was the Girard Park rezoning. The final outcome was the approval of the zoning and redevelopment plan by Andrus Development. This new project will provide new residences for Lafayette General Medical Center interns. The Site Plan was beautifully designed to incorporate the park-like setting of the area.

- 6) The Board of Zoning Adjustment met twelve times and reviewed forty-seven requests for zoning variance relief. Many requests were made for signage relief. Larger building additions were approved for Chick-fil-A, Whole Foods, and a major expansion of the Dillard’s Department Store.
- 7) Commercial development continued at a healthy pace during the last year. Projects started and/or nearing completion are Le Madeline French Café, Cavender’s Boot City, Whole Foods, Five Guys Burgers, Holiday Inn, Lafayette General Medical Center and a new Rouses Grocery.

8) The Top 10 Commercial Projects by valuation:

PROJECT	CONSTRUCTION VALUE
Park Place Surgical Hospital-Shell	\$12,686,927
Laf Public Library Main Branch	\$9,133,000
Park Place Surgical Buildout	\$9,072,511
Camellia Tower V	\$6,095,000
Acadiana Mall	\$5,640,000
Ambassador Crossing	\$5,472,285
Glazer's Distribution	\$4,897,755
Acadiana Office Supply	\$3,598,130
Bancorp South	\$3,289,697
Raven Controls	\$3,195,000

9) General Permitting

PERMIT TYPE	NUMBER SOLD	CONSTRUCTION VALUE
New Residential	784	\$196,602,801
Residential Add/Alt	568	\$16,125,952
New Commercial	63	\$64,639,433
Commercial Add/Alt	358	\$85,037,874
Moving	22	\$-0-
Demolition	56	\$1,560,519
Apartments-New	5	\$6,014,000
Apartments-Add/Alt	10	\$2,085,040
Signs	223	\$1,393,927
Swimming Pools	169	\$8,094,428
TOTAL:	2,258	\$381,553,974