

# Long Range Planning Citizen's Advisory Committee Public Comments:

10/17/21- Jimmy Couvillion

*Jeff please forward to the citizen committee*

*Most agree to zone it takes a plan. I would like to add that planning and zoning requires population growth. From my research of rural Caddo Census Tracts some 19 tracts there are few tracts with growth between 2010 and 2020. Mooringsport with only and increase of 2 % and Blanchard, Indian Hills and North Club Estates in a tract with a growth in population of 7.6 %.*

*The State of Louisiana according to the 2020 census has a population growth only 2.7 % over 2010. Caddo Parish has a loss of 6.7% over 2010. To me, a decrease means more people moved out than moved in.*

*I suggest we need a map of rural Caddo Parish with U S Census Tracts and population percentage change exhibited.*

*Do we need to address zoning codes in census tracts with decreases in population above 10 %? Should we NOT instead find out why the population decreases?*

*I know I have not the answers to the questions asked, but we have greater problems or opportunities than keeping city zoning codes.*

*We could all learn a great deal from hiring a Demographer that researches all census tracts with 10% plus decreases in population and all tracts with an increase in population.*

*I find little growth to concern ourselves over and in general, Rural Parish Wide only decreases in population, except those tracts mentioned.*

*Attached to this email is a complete listing.*

*Jimmy Couvillion*

## *RURAL CADDO PARISH POPULATION CHANGES BETWEEN 2010 AND 2020*

<i>Town or subdivison</i>	<i>Census Tract</i>	<i>% change</i>
<i>Vivian</i>	<i>251</i>	<i>- 17.5</i>
<i>Oil City</i>	<i>249</i>	<i>- 12.7</i>
<i>Mooringsport</i>	<i>245.04</i>	<i>+ 2.2</i>
<i>Longwood</i>	<i>245.04</i>	<i>+ 2.2</i>
<i>Blanchard-Indian Hills</i>	<i>254.05</i>	<i>+ 7.6</i>
<i>North Club Estates</i>	<i>254.05</i>	<i>+ 7.6</i>

<i>Belcher</i>	248	- 20.7
<i>Hidden Harbor Estates</i>	254.06	- 5.2
<i>Pine Hill Estates</i>	246.01	- 21.8
<i>North Shreveport</i>	246.02	- 15.2
<i>South Shore Estates</i>	243.05	- 14.2
<i>Lakeside Acres</i>	220	- 18.6
<i>Cross Lake Hills South</i>	221.01	- 16.6
<i>Willow Ridge</i>	244	- 5
<i>Twilight Meadows</i>	243.05	- 14.2
<i>Longwood Village-Rosewood</i>	244	- 5
<i>Westwood Park</i>	222	- 8.3
<i>Cynthia Park</i>	235	- 25.2
<i>Timber Lane-Pineland Place</i>	243.06	- 3
<i>Spring Ridge-SW Keithville</i>	242.07	- 30
<i>Keithville SE of Hwy 171</i>	241.02	- 8.3

10/10/21- **Beverly Martin** (Shreveport)

The news needs to talk about this kind of thing, not everybody isn't savvy to media

10/9/2021- **Jimmy Couvillion** (Shreveport)

WE CAN WORK BETTER TOGETHER

Caddo needs a plan. We are a very large parish in distance from the North to the South, with few people in between. Our train has failed to stay on the track and our direction forward is in doubt.

Let us rural and city residences realize we are the parish Stakeholders. We all live and work here and spend our tax dollars in this parish.

Our parish planning board should be both city and parish members, because one side alone lacks the capacity to decide what ideas should be recommended to our Caddo Commission Body. Consider the

Caddo Commission appointing the present 4 parish appointments on the MPC and add one to the new 5 member parish planning board.

Let us NOT consider at this time parish wide zoning. Instead better plan our existing zoned district, by removing all zoned districts. No more estimating what and where people want to develop but only an approved plat by the planning and development board is required. The rest is done by Parish Public Works.

Zoning is not helping promote rural Caddo. To open the doors and require only a plan to develop an undeveloped tract of land recorded on a Plat to be approved and recorded is the Houston, Texas County planning and development Policy. No permits can be issued without an approved Plat.

Let us grow Rural Caddo Together by removing fence post and the bob wire called zones.

10/6/2021-**Randal Rasmussen** (Caddo within MPC Planning limit- R-7)

What part of get rid of MPC did y'all not understand????????? We want the areas outside the city of shreveport to be under the CURRENT parish codes and ordinances!!!!!! PERIOD!!! No new set of codes and ordinances!!!!!!

9/25/2021 - **Jimmy Couvillion** (Shreveport)

The two Face Book polls I have done 10% of the viewers voted. 100% NO votes to Zoning. The UDC is not supported. The MPC is not supported. I know so far the Caddo Commission supports both. If the Advisory Committee supports a NO Support, their advise will fall on deaf ears and rural people risk losing the six commissioner votes we had when this issue began over HB697.

Based on building permits there are few in the unincorporated areas of the parish. Therefore parish wide zoning is not necessary due to no growth. MPC processes about 14 cases per year in the zoned 5 mile authority. A newly appointed parish zoning board, at least gives rural Caddo a voice, we don't have now. MPC will become a city department on January 2022. We can certainly do without over reaching code enforcement, so the new board with a little help can recommend to the parish commission a new code and the rural people can have a much needed voice.

9/23/2021- **Jim Tolbert** (Caddo Parish Currently Outside of the Zoning Area)

NO UDC.

9/22/2021- **Jimmy Couvillion** (Shreveport)

CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Since the October meeting is a wrap up meeting, I have watched the videos.

I would like to suggest the committee address the following for the record.

1. Should we zone Parish Wide
2. Should the present MPC administer the adopted UDC
3. Should we resend the UDC and create another code for the existing zoned district.
4. If a new parish zoning board is appointed, what would be its authority to create and recommend, or simply act as both staff and board members excluding a parish appointed administrator.

9/21/2021      **Jayne Tappe** (Caddo within MPC planning limit, R-A)

[Ms. Tappe made comments during the September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021 Meeting]

8/17/2021-      **Jake Brown** (Caddo within MPC planning limit, R-1-12)

Comments for the Citizens Advisory Committee [Mr. Brown made comment in person during the August 17, 2021 meeting]