

Finding aid for the John Ball Park neighborhood collection Collection 373

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Summary Information

Repository	Grand Rapids Public Library, Grand Rapids History and Special Collections Department
Title	John Ball Park neighborhood collection
Date	no date
Extent	2.0 Linear feet
Language	English
Abstract	The John Ball Park neighborhood is located on the West Side of Grand Rapids, Michigan. This collection includes correspondence, meeting minutes/agendas and other organizational papers of the John Ball Park Community Association and the John Ball Park Target Area Council primarily from the late 1970s to the mid 1980s.

Biographical/Historical note

The neighborhood association for the John Ball Park area is known as the John Ball Park Community Association and has been in existence from the late 1970s to the present.

The John Ball Park Target Area Council was formed in 1977 as a program of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The Council consisted of fifteen representatives of the neighborhood who had the responsibility for channeling federal grant money into improvement projects. The neighborhood was designated as Bridge Street on the North, Butterworth Street on the South, the C&O Railroad Tracks on the East, and John Ball Park to Park to Valley to Fulton to Indiana on the West.

Scope and Contents note

The collection contains documents from both the John Ball Park Community Association and the John Ball Park Target Area Council with the bulk of the material representing the latter. The two organizations are related, though the Council has the more specific mission of spending federal grant money. The records pertaining to each were found definitively separated. There are organizational records such as correspondence, meeting minutes and by-laws primarily from the late 1970s to the early 1980s, though the newsletters continue to 1991. The two bulkiest and most consistent series are correspondence and meeting minutes/agendas. Other material has been sorted by document type such as “legal documents” and “reports”.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

Grand Rapids Public Library, Grand Rapids History and Special Collections Department 2011

Controlled Access Headings

Corporate Name(s)

- John Ball Park Community Association.

Genre(s)

- records (documents)

Geographic Name(s)

- Grand Rapids (Mich.) -- History

Subject(s)

- Neighborhoods -- Michigan -- Grand Rapids -- History

Series I: John Ball Park Community Association

Collection Inventory

Series I: John Ball Park Community Association		
	Box	Folder
Correspondence (00.[5018].x) 1977-1987, n.d.	4	1
Board Meeting Minutes and Agendas: 1985-1987	4	2
Financial Records: 1983-1987, n.d.	4	3
Legal Documents: By-Laws, 1987; Agreement for Purchase of City Property for Use as a County Zoological; Garden, 1987	4	4
Newspaper clippings: 1987, n.d.	4	5
Address Lists (Garfield Block Club 1979, Board of Directors and Staff 1987)	4	6
Community Development Proposals, 1986-1987	4	6
Charts and Maps	4	6
Neighborhood overview reports	4	7
Series II: John Ball Park Target Area Council (1986.221)		

Correspondence

Correspondence		
	Box	Folder
Jun. - Dec. 19, 1977	1	1
Jan. 5 – Jun. 9, 1978	1	2
Jul. - Dec. 27, 1978	1	3
Jan. 11 – Jun. 27, 1979	1	4
Jul. 6 – Dec. 13, 1979	1	5
Jan. 10 – Nov. 24, 1980	1	6
Jan. 16 – Dec. 3, 1981	1	7
Jan. 7 – Dec. 17, 1982	2	1
Feb. 14 – Jun. 8, 1983	2	2
undated	2	3
Council and Leadership Conference Minutes and Agendas		
	Box	Folder
Aug. 29 – Dec. 13, 1977	2	4

Other Documents

Jan. 9 – Nov. 29, 1978	2	5
Jan. 31 – Dec. 21, 1979	2	6
Jan. 8 – Dec. 18, 1980	2	7
Jan. - Nov. 11, 1981	2	8
Jan. 13 – Dec. 22, 1982	2	9
Jan. 12 – Jul. 13, 1983	2	10
undated	2	11

Other Documents

	Box	Folder
Guidelines, policies, regulations, specifications; 1972 – 1979	3	1
Project/Improvement lists and costs; 1975 – 1982, n.d.	3	2
Plans, proposals and recommendations, 1975 – 1983, n.d.	3	3
Requests and Request forms; 1976 – 1980	3	4
Statistics, 1977 – 1978, n.d.	3	5
		Box

Other Documents

Newsletters; Aug. 1977 – Dec. 1991		4
	Box	Folder
Reports; 1977 – 1982, n.d.	3	6
Monthly and Annual Reports, 1978 – 1980	3	7
Name, address and phone lists; 1978 – 1982, n.d.	3	8
Announcements, invitations, notices, press releases; 1978 - 1983	3	9
News clippings, 1978 – 1984, n.d.	3	10
Non-JBPTAC literature; 1978 – 1980, most undated	3	11
Notes; 1978 – 1981, most undated	3	12
Legal documents (by-laws and agreements); 1979 – 1981	3	13
Maps; 1979 – 1981, most undated	3	14
Schedules; 1980, n.d.	2	12
Loan/Grant Reports; 1980 – 1983	2	13
Business cards	2	14

Other Documents

Photographs: eight color snapshots focusing on sidewalks

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Small piece of green linoleum

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