

Municipal Golf of Seattle Records, 1994-2003

Overview of the Collection

Creator	Seattle (Wash.). Dept. of Parks and Recreation
Title	Municipal Golf of Seattle Records
Dates	1994-2003 (inclusive) 1994 2003
Quantity	1 cubic foot, (3 boxes)
Collection Number	5807-17
Summary	Records concerning the management of Seattle's municipal golf courses.
Repository	Seattle Municipal Archives Seattle Municipal Archives Office of the City Clerk City of Seattle PO Box 94728 98124-4728 Seattle, WA Telephone: 206-233-7807 Fax: 206-386-9025 archives@seattle.gov
Access Restrictions	Records are open to the public.
Languages	English
Sponsor	Funding for processing this record series was provided through a grant from the National Historical Publications and Records Commission.

Historical Note

The Department of Parks and Recreation maintains the City's parks, shorelines, and boulevards; and administers community centers, public golf courses, and other athletic and cultural facilities. Seattle's first park was established in 1884 after David Denny donated land to the City for that purpose. At that time, a three-member park committee, with limited authority, was created to manage the nascent park system. A Board of Parks Commissioners was established in 1890 with control over all public parks and authority to appoint a Parks Superintendent. In 1896, the City Charter created the position of Superintendent of Streets, Sewers and Parks. The Parks Department became a separate entity in 1904. In 1926, a City Charter amendment abolished the position of Superintendent, distributing its responsibilities between the Head Gardener and the Landscape Architect. A 1948 City Charter amendment required the Board of Park Commissioners to appoint a park superintendent to administer the department. In 1967, another City Charter Amendment reconstituted the Board as an advisory body to the Mayor and City Council, changed the agency name to Department of Parks and Recreation, and placed fiscal and operational administration under the superintendent. In 1902 the City hired the Olmsted Brothers, the country's premier landscape architectural firm, to design a parks and boulevards system. Although not all of the plan was implemented, the Olmsted legacy is evident in many of Seattle's parks and boulevards. The City acquired significant amounts of property for park purposes following the turn of the 20th Century, but in 1926 further acquisition was limited by a City Charter

amendment that stipulated only money in the Park Fund could be used for that purpose. However, in the 1970s the Forward Thrust Bond issue, along with federal grants and the Seattle Model City Program, supported the largest expansion of the Park system in Seattle history. These programs funded more than 70 new parks and park facilities. The Department manages over 6,000 acres of park land, over two dozen community centers, five municipal golf courses, the Aquarium, and many other recreational and athletic facilities.

Content Description

Agendas, minutes, financial records, and briefing materials of the board of a non-profit corporation which contracted with the City of Seattle to operate its municipal golf courses from 1995 to 2002.

Use of the Collection

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Administrative Information

Detailed Description of the Collection

The following section contains a detailed listing of the materials in the collection.

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1/4	Municipal Golf of Seattle Board Orientation and Background Information	1994
1/5	Municipal Golf of Seattle Board Orientation and Background Information	1994

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1/6	Municipal Golf of Seattle Organizational Meeting	1994
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2/12	Municipal Golf of Seattle Board Information	2000
2/13	Seattle Golf Financial Statements	2003
3/1	Seattle Golf Operating Plan	2000

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3/2	Seattle Golf General Information	2002
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3/4	Seattle Golf General Information	2002
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Names and Subjects

Subject Terms :

Golf courses--Washington (State)--Seattle

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Corporate Names :

Seattle (Wash.). Dept. of Parks and Recreation

Municipal Golf of Seattle

Geographical Names :

Seattle (Wash.)

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