

Seattle City Light Millennium Legacy Lighting Project Records, 1997-2000

Overview of the Collection

Creator	Seattle City Light
Title	Seattle City Light Millennium Legacy Lighting Project Records
Dates	1997-2000 (inclusive) 1997 2000
Quantity	3.1 cubic feet, (5 boxes), (296 digital image files")
Collection Number	1206-16
Summary	Planning files for a Seattle celebration of the Millennium.
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

City Light provides electricity and electrical and conservation services to its public and private customers. It is the largest public utility in the Pacific Northwest. Public responsibility for electrical energy dates to 1890 with creation of the Department of Lighting and Water Works. In 1902, Seattle voters passed a bond issue to develop hydroelectric power on the Cedar River under the administration of the Water Department. Electricity from this development began to serve Seattle in 1905. A City Charter amendment in 1910 created the Lighting Department. Under the leadership of Superintendent James D. Ross, the department developed the Skagit River hydroelectric project which began supplying power in 1924. Both public and private power was supplied to Seattle until 1951 when the City purchased the private electrical power supply operations, making the Lighting Department the sole supplier. The Boundary Project in northeastern Washington began operations in 1967 and supplied over half of City Light's power generation. By the early 21st century, approximately ten percent of City Light's income came from the sale of surplus energy to customers in the Northwest and Southwest with the remainder of City Light's financial support coming from customer revenue. The current name of the agency was adopted in 1978 when the Department was reorganized.

Content Description

Correspondence, design documents, renderings, photographs, slides, video tape, reports, notes and fund-raising files for a project to light several Seattle bridges as part of the Seattle Millennium Project to observe the new millennium. Nineteen image files can be viewed on our digital platform. [View 1206-16 online](#)

Use of the Collection

Preferred Citation

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Administrative Information

Detailed Description of the Collection

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

1206-16: Millennium Legacy Lighting Project Records, 1997-2000

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box/Folder		
1/1	General Information Packets	1998-1999
1/2	Seattle Millennium Project - Ruckelshaus Briefing	1998
1/3	Ambassador's Packet	undated
1/4	Millennium Lighting Project Planning - Marya Castellano	1998
1/5	Stakeholders' Briefing	1998
1/6	Core Group meetings	1998-1999
1/7	Lighting Group	1998-1999
1/8	Legacy Committee	1998

Container(s)	Description	Dates
1/9	Mayor's Meetings	1998-1999
1/10	Letters For Mayor's Signature	1999
1/11	Correspondence	1998-1999
1/12	Environmental Review / Permitting - US Army Corps of Engineers	1999
1/13	Environmental Review / Permitting - Checklist	1999
1/14	Environmental Review / Permitting	1999-2000
1/15	Environmental Review / Permitting	1999
1/16	Engineer's Opinion of Probable Cost	1999
1/17	Budget and Misc	1998-1999
1/18	Cost Estimates	1998-1999
1/19	Financial Records	1999-2000
1/20	CIP 4th Quarter	1999
1/21	Status Reports	1998-1999
1/22	CIP Liaison Meetings	1999
1/23	CIP Liaison Meetings	1999
1/24	Notes	undated
1/25	Notebooks	1999-2000
1/26	Notebooks	undated
2/1	Gas Work Park	1999
2/2	Solar on Ballard, LEDs at Gasworks	1999
2/3	Floating Homes / Marilyn Perry	1999

Container(s)	Description	Dates
2/4	Mock-Up Event	1998
2/5	Millennium Sign-In Sheet	undated
2/6	Community Connections	1998
2/7	Community Feedback	1998
2/8	Community Ideas / Feedback	1998
2/9	Public Process / Input	1998-1999
2/10	Information From Queen Anne Community Council and Fremont Neighborhood Council	2000
2/11	Information From Council Briefing	1999
2/12	Handouts From Co-Chairs	1998
2/13	Seattle Design Commission Review	1999
2/14	Landmarks Approval	1999
2/15	Design Selection Meeting	1999
2/16	Vulcan Northwest	1999
2/17	Filipino Community Outreach / Fundraising	1999
2/18	Fremont Fundraising (Hale's Ales)	1999
2/19	Jeanne Muir - Fremont Event	1998
2/20	Fundraising	1999-2000
2/21	Mayor's Calls	1999
2/22	Contributor Thank You's	1999
2/23	RH Contact Calls	1999
2/24	Letters To Potential Donors	1999

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2/25	Meetings / Communications	1998-1999
2/26	Mayor's Updates	1999
2/27	Sponsorship Opportunities	1999
2/28	Electrical Engineer	1999
2/29	Test Boring For Pole And Dolphin	1999
2/30	Poles, Lamps and Misc. Equipment	1999
2/31	Property Owners	1999
3/1	The City's Millennium	1998
3/2	BEGA Fixtures	1999
3/3	Installation Issues	1999
3/4	Concepts / Master Plan Info	1998
3/5	Lighting Plan	1998
3/6	Jose Rizal Lighting Event (Includes Photographs)	1999
3/7	Design Concept Slides	1997-1999
3/8	Renderings	undated
3/9	Videotape - Seattle Millennium Project Public Service Announcement	undated
4/1	Design Document (Includes Drawings)	1999
4/2	Design Work - Jose Rizal and Aurora Bridges	1999
4/3	Drawings, etc	1999
4/4	George Washington Memorial Bridge Lighting Plan	1999
4/5	Jose Rizal Bridge Lighting Plans	1999

Container(s)	Description	Dates
4/6	Engineering Drawings	1999
4/7	Engineering Drawings and Wind Calculations	1999
4/8	WSDOT Aurora Retrofit Plans	1999

Names and Subjects

Subject Terms :

Bridges Lighting--Washington--Seattle

Millennium 2000

Millennium celebrations (Year 2000)--Washington--Seattle

Corporate Names :

Seattle City Light

Geographical Names :

Seattle (Wash.)

Form or Genre Terms :

Design drawings

Renderings

Slides

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