

Seattle Department of Parks and Recreation Golf Advisory Council Records, 1973-1995

Overview of the Collection

Creator	Seattle (Wash.). Dept. of Parks and Recreation
Title	Seattle Department of Parks and Recreation Golf Advisory Council Records
Dates	1973-1995 (inclusive) 1973 1995 1991-1995 (bulk) 1991 1995
Quantity	1 cubic foot, (3 boxes)
Collection Number	5807-12
Summary	Records of citizen organizations that advised the Seattle Department of Parks and Recreation regarding municipal golf courses and programs.
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

Minutes, agendas, constitutions, correspondence and related records of the organizations which advised the Department of Parks and Recreation on issues related to the operation, management and development of municipal golf facilities and programs. These organizations included advisory councils for Jackson Park Golf Course, Jefferson Park Golf Course, and West Seattle Golf Course, as well as the Municipal Golf Advisory Committee.

Use of the Collection

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Administrative Information

Arrangement

Arranged by organization.

Detailed Description of the Collection

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

Municipal Golf Advisory Committee, 1973-1995

Container(s)	Description	Dates
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1/1	Municipal Golf Advisory Committee Constitution and Organization	1991-1994
1/2	Municipal Golf Advisory Committee Correspondence	1991-1992
1/3	Municipal Golf Advisory Committee Correspondence	1993
1/4	Municipal Golf Advisory Committee Correspondence	1993
1/5	Municipal Golf Advisory Committee Correspondence	1993
1/6	Municipal Golf Advisory Committee Correspondence	1994
1/7	Municipal Golf Advisory Committee Correspondence	1995
1/8	Management of Municipal Golf	1993-1994
1/9	Management of Seattle Golf Facilities White Paper	1993-1994
1/10	Municipal Golf Advisory Committee Minutes	1976-1977
1/11	Municipal Golf Advisory Committee Minutes	1994-1995
2/1	Municipal Golf Advisory Committee Minutes	1991-1994
2/2	Municipal Golf Advisory Committee Newsletter	1993
2/3	Roster of Clubs, Councils, Members	1973-1995

Jackson Park Golf Course Advisory Council, 1991-1995

Container(s)	Description	Dates
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2/4	Jackson Park Advisory Council	1991
2/5	Jackson Park Advisory Council	1992
2/6	Jackson Park Advisory Council	1993

Container(s)	Description	Dates
2/7	Jackson Park Advisory Council	1994-1995

Jefferson Park Golf Course Advisory Council, 1991-1995

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2/8	Jefferson Park Advisory Council	1991
2/9	Jefferson Park Advisory Council	1992
2/10	Jefferson Park Advisory Council	1993
2/11	Jefferson Park Advisory Council	1994-1995
2/12	Jefferson Park Advisory Council Constitutions	1993

West Seattle Golf Course Advisory Council, 1991-1995

Container(s)	Description	Dates
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3/1	West Seattle Golf Course Advisory Council	1991
3/2	West Seattle Golf Course Advisory Council	1992
3/3	West Seattle Golf Course Advisory Council	1993
3/4	West Seattle Golf Course Advisory Council	1994-1995
3/5	West Seattle Golf Course Advisory Council Constitution	1992

Names and Subjects

Subject Terms :

Golf courses--Washington (State)--Seattle

Golf--Washington (State)--Seattle

Corporate Names :

Jackson Park Golf Course (Seattle, Wash.)

Jefferson Park Golf Course (Seattle, Wash.)
Seattle (Wash.). Dept. of Parks and Recreation
Seattle (Wash.). Municipal Golf Advisory Committee
West Seattle Golf Course (Seattle, Wash.)

Geographical Names :

Seattle (Wash.)

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