

Seattle Downtown Neighborhood Service Center Records, 1982-2010

Overview of the Collection

Creator	Seattle (Wash.). Dept. of Neighborhoods
Title	Seattle Downtown Neighborhood Service Center Records
Dates	1982-2010 (inclusive) 1982 2010
Quantity	2.4 cubic feet, (6 boxes)
Collection Number	5752-04
Summary	Records documenting the activities of the Downtown Neighborhood Service Center.
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
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Historical Note

Seattle has a network of Neighborhood Service Centers located throughout the city to provide citizens with information about Seattle services and programs. The customer service representatives assist more than 225,000 residents each year to obtain pet licences, pay City Light and Combined Utility bills, pay traffic tickets, apply for U.S. passports, and find information about city jobs. District coordinators are involved in neighborhood planning processes, serve as staff to the neighborhood district councils, and provide a wide range of information services to the community.

Seven Community Service Centers were established in 1973 under the direction of the Citizens Service Bureau to provide decentralized local government services to Seattle's neighborhoods. The program was inspired by Boston's successful "Little City Halls" concept, but budget constraints made it impossible to create as comprehensive a system. The original sites of the community centers were in the neighborhoods served by the Model City Program.

In 1974, the service center program was transferred to the Department of Human Resources (DHR). Under DHR, the service centers continued to provide decentralized City services, but also expanded

into community-based social service delivery. In 1978, four of the centers were designated collection centers where citizens could pay utility bills and resolve billing issues. In addition, senior services, voter registration, animal licensing, and low income energy program assistance were instituted at the centers. During the 1980s and 1990s, the various service centers offered neighborhood legal clinics, IRS tax assistance, health and nutrition services, and a wide variety of other services.

The Department of Neighborhoods (DON) was created in 1991 and jurisdiction over community service centers was transferred from DHR. The Community Service Center Division was created within DON; in 1992 the division name was changed to the Neighborhood Service Centers (NSC) Division. In 1999, the Neighborhood Matching Fund and P-Patch Programs were merged with the NSC to create the Community Building Division. From the 1990s through 2010, the NSC program included staff in thirteen centers, including seven collection centers. Budget cuts forced the closing of six service centers in early 2011.

Content Description

The Downtown Neighborhood Service Center (DSC) records include correspondence, reports, and other materials documenting the activities of the DSC staff and its interaction with residents of the Central Business District, neighborhood associations, downtown businesses, and the Downtown District Council. The majority of records relate to Belltown, the Denny Triangle neighborhood, Pioneer Square, and the International District. Series includes meeting materials of the Downtown District Council.

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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1/5	Alcohol Impact Areas Good Neighbor Agreement	2000-2005
1/6	Belltown Business Association	2010
1/7	Belltown Citizens on Patrol (BCOP) Program	2009
1/8	Belltown Community Council	2009-2010
1/9	Belltown Community Public Safety Planning Meetings	2008-2009
1/10	Belltown Housing and Land Use Subcommittee (BHLUS)	2009-2010
1/11	Belltown Neighborhood Planning	1999
1/12	Belltown Neighborhood Planning	2005-2009
1/13	Belltown. Seattle Founders Day	2010
1/14	Bias Crimes and Incidents in Seattle	2000-2005
1/15	Capitol Improvement Program. Proposals by District	2006
1/16	Center City Construction Coordination	2009
1/17	Center City Public Realm IDT	2010
1/18	Central Waterfront Projects/Plan	2003-2006
2/1	Chinatown International District Business Improvement Area	2009
2/2	Commercial Core Neighborhood Planning	1999
2/3	Community Service Centers History	1987
2/4	Danny Woo Garden	1996-1997

Container(s)	Description	Dates
2/5	Denny Regrade Community Council	1988-1992
2/6	Denny Regrade. Problem Solving Partnership	1997
2/7	Denny Triangle Neighborhood Association	2000-2003
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2/9	Denny Triangle Neighborhood Planning	1999
2/10	Denny Triangle/Westlake	2009
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2/12	Downtown District Council Formation	-
2/13	Downtown District Council Meetings	1999
2/14	Downtown District Council Meetings	2000
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2/17	Downtown District Council Meetings	2003
2/18	Downtown District Council Meetings	2004
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3/1	Downtown District Council Meetings	2008-2009
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3/3	Downtown District Council Miscellaneous Materials	1999-2003
3/4	Downtown Housing Services Advocacy Task Force	2000
3/5	Downtown Human Services Council	2004-2005
3/6	Downtown Parks Committee	2000-2004

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3/7	Downtown Seattle Association. Committee Agendas	2009
3/8	Downtown Seattle Residents Council	2001-2004
3/9	Downtown Summer Streets Program	2009
3/10	Downtown Urban Center Neighborhood Planning	1999
3/11	Downtown Urban Center Planning Group (DUCPG)	1997-1998
3/12	Dumpster Free Alley Project	2000-2004
3/13	First Hill Street Car	2010
3/14	Fortson Square	2000-2009
3/15	Friends of Bell Street Park	2010
3/16	International District Neighborhood Planning	1999
3/17	King Street Task Force	2008-2010
4/1	Mardi Gras/Fat Tuesday	2001
4/2	Mayor's Walking Tour. Seattle Chinatown/International District	2010
4/3	Mayor's Walking Tour. Central Waterfront	1995
4/4	Neighborhood District Coordinator	2010
4/5	Neighborhood District Coordinator. North Team	2010
4/6	Neighborhood District Coordinators. Joint Labor Management Committee Meeting	2009
4/7	Neighborhood Matching Fund. Large Project Fund	2010
4/8	Neighborhood Needs Assessment Info	-
4/9	Neighborhood Plan Implementation Priorities	2004
4/10	Neighborhood Planning and Assistance Program	1987-1988

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4/11	Neighborhood Planning and Assistance Program	1987-1988
4/12	Neighborhood Planning Implementation. West Sector Team	1999-2000
4/13	Neighborhood Street Fund/Cumulative Reserve Fund	2001-2003
4/14	Neighborhood Street Fund/Cumulative Reserve Fund	2002
4/15	Neighborhood Street Fund/Cumulative Reserve Fund	2004
5/1	Neighborhood Street Fund/Cumulative Reserve Fund	2005
5/2	Neighborhood Street Fund/Cumulative Reserve Fund	2010
5/3	NPF Surveys	2009
5/4	Office of Neighborhoods	1988-1990
5/5	Pike Place Market	1982
5/6	Pioneer Square	1985-1989
5/7	Pioneer Square	1988-1993
5/8	Pioneer Square Action Agenda	2009
5/9	Pioneer Square. Clean and Green Initiative	2009-2010
5/10	Pioneer Square Commercial Revitalization	2010
5/11	Pioneer Square Community Association	2001-2002
5/12	Pioneer Square Community Association. Economic Development Committee By- Laws	2002
5/13	Pioneer Square Community Council	1989-1993
5/14	Pioneer Square Community Council Reports	1991-1993
5/15	Pioneer Square. Economic Development Strategy	2003-2005
5/16	Pioneer Square. First Thursday Gallery Walk/Vendors	2003

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6/1	Pioneer Square/International District Community PDA (PSIDCPDA)	2009-2010
6/2	Pioneer Square. Mardi Gras	2002
6/3	Pioneer Square. Neighborhood Planning	1999-
6/4	Pioneer Square Plan	1998
6/5	Pioneer Square. Public Safety Meeting	2009
6/6	Pioneer Square. Stadium, First and Goal	1997
6/7	Pioneer Square Summit	1989-1990
6/8	Pioneer Square Summit. Human Services	1989-1990
6/9	Pioneer Square Summit Status Reports	1990
6/10	Pioneer Square. Trails to Treasure Development Concept Plan	2009
6/11	Seattle Chinatown International District Projects	2000
6/12	Seattle Chinatown/International District PDA	1993
6/13	Seattle Chinatown/International District Urban Design Plan	2001-2003
6/14	Seattle Chinatown/International District. Vision 2030	2006
6/15	Seawall and Waterfront	2010
6/16	Special Events Committee	2010
6/17	Ten-Year Plan to End Homelessness	2006
6/18	Traffic Signalization Control Box Artwork	2008
6/19	Voluntary Community Good Neighbor Agreement Resource Books	2000
6/20	Westlake. Friends of Westlake Park	2009-2010

Names and Subjects

Subject Terms :

Citizens' associations--Washington (State)--Seattle

Municipal services--Washington (State)--Seattle

Neighborhood government--Washington (State)--Seattle

Corporate Names :

Seattle (Wash.). Dept. of Neighborhoods

Downtown District Council (Seattle, Wash.)

Geographical Names :

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