

Fremont Neighborhood Service Center Records, 1952-2006

Overview of the Collection

Creator	Seattle (Wash.). Dept. of Neighborhoods
Title	Fremont Neighborhood Service Center Records
Dates	1952-2006 (inclusive) 1952 2006 1990-2004 (bulk) 1990 2004
Quantity	1.4 cubic feet, (4 boxes)
Collection Number	5752-05
Summary	Records documenting the activities of the Fremont 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
Sponsor	Funding for processing this record series was provided through a grant from the National Historical Publications and Records Commission.

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

Records of the Fremont Neighborhood Service Center include reports, meeting agendas and minutes, correspondence, newspaper clippings and other materials documenting the activities of the service staff, Fremont Service Center Manager Carla Main, and Neighborhood District Coordinator Steve Louie. The Fremont Service Center covered the neighborhoods of Wallingford, Ballard, and Fremont, as well as areas around Lake Union and Aurora. Service Center staff members worked directly with community groups and project committees. Records document activities including neighborhood beautification, traffic development, safety, and citizen concerns such as Aurora Motel safety, Lake Union seaplane noise and traffic, the Fremont Fair and Parade, the South Lake Union Development Project, and the Boylston Avenue Noise Wall.

Use of the Collection

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Administrative Information

Separated Materials

Publications were pulled from the collection and are cataloged separately in the [Published Documents Index](#).

Detailed Description of the Collection

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

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Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box/Folder		
1/1	Aurora Bridgeway Mural	1994-2004
1/2	Aurora Motel Information Program	2004-2005
1/3	Ballard Fred Meyer Mitigation	2002-2005
1/4	Boyston Ave. Noisewall	2004
1/5	Canal Street-Canal Park	1998
1/6	Cascade Area Business Neighbors	2003
1/7	Cascade Neighborhood Council	2003
1/8	Center For Wooden Boats	2003
1/9	Clean Seattle Initiative-Wallingford	2002
1/10	Eastlake Community Council	2003
1/11	Fremont Arts Council-Fremont Fair and Parade	2003
1/12	Fremont Chamber of Commerce-Meetings	2003
1/13	Fremont Chamber of Commerce-Newsletters	2003
1/14	Fremont Clean and Green	2004
1/15	Fremont Dock Company	1996-2000
1/16	Fremont Forklift Rodeo and Octoberfest	1995-1996
1/17	Fremont History	1975-1996
1/18	Fremont Neighborhood Council	2002-2006
1/19	Fremont Park	1995-2002

Container(s)	Description	Dates
1/20	Fremont Public Association	2004
1/21	Fremont Troll	1990-1997
1/22	Fremont Service Center Photos	1994-1995
1/23	Fremont Works Inc	2002-2003
1/24	Floating Homes Association	2003
2/1	Gasworks Park Improvements	2002
2/2	Gasworks Park Clean Up	1984-1997
2/3	History House	1996-1998
2/4	Housing Resource Group- 45th and Stone Project	2003
2/5	Interurban-"Friends of the Interurban" Campaign	1976-1993
2/6	Lake Union District Council "Budget Letter"	2003
2/7	Lake Union District Council	1994-2004
2/8	Lake Union District Council-Agenda and Minutes	2003
2/9	Lake Union District Council-Agenda and Minutes	2004
2/10	Lake Union History	1990-1991
2/11	Lake Union Seaplane Advisory Committee	1986-1991
2/12	Lake Union Seaplane Committee Meeting Minutes and Correspondence	1987-1989
2/13	Lake Union Seaplane Committee Meeting Minutes and Correspondence	1988-1990
2/14	Lincoln Liason Committee	2003
2/15	Lake WA Ship Canal-Army Corps Tree Removal	1993-2001

Container(s)	Description	Dates
2/16	Leary Way Improvement Project	2002-2003
2/17	McDonald School Advisory Committee	2003-2004
2/18	Neighborhood Plan Implementation Priority Reports	2004
2/19	North Lake Union Majority Stakeholder Working Group April-May	2004
3/1	North Lake Union Majority Stakeholder Working Group May-June	2004
3/2	North Lake Union Majority Stakeholder Working Group June	2004
3/3	North Lake Union Majority Stakeholder Working Group July	2004
3/4	North Seattle Industrial Association	2003
3/5	Ross Park Shelter House	2004
3/6	Seaplanes-Budget	1989
3/7	Seaplanes-Complaint Profiles	1996-1997
3/8	Seaplanes-History	1952-1988
3/9	Seaplanes-Overflight	1988-1990
3/10	Seaplanes-Training Information	1989
3/11	South Lake Union Severe Weather Shelter	2001-2002
3/12	South Lake Union Association	2003
3/13	South Lake Union Friends and Neighbors (SUFLAN)	2003
3/14	South Lake Union Housing Working Group	2004
3/15	South Lake Union Park	2000-2003
3/16	South Lake Union Project Team	2003

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3/17	South Lake Union Project Team	2004-2006
3/18	South Lake Union Streetscape	2001
4/1	South Lake Union Project Team	2002-2003
4/2	South Wallingford Planning	2002-2003
4/3	Wallingford Neighborhood Office	2002-2004
4/4	Wallingford Boys and Girls Club	1999
4/5	Wallingford Chamber of Commerce	2002-2003
4/6	Wallingford Community Council	2003
4/7	West Lake Union Improvement Project	2001-2002

Names and Subjects

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