

Department of Neighborhoods African American Museum Project Records, 1984-2000

Overview of the Collection

Creator	Seattle (Wash.). Dept. of Neighborhoods
Title	Department of Neighborhoods African American Museum Project Records
Dates	1984-2000 (inclusive) 1984 2000 1991-1998 (bulk) 1991 1998
Quantity	1 cubic foot, (3 boxes)
Collection Number	5751-05
Summary	Documents the effort to establish an African American Museum at the site of the former Colman School in Seattle.
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 Neighborhoods was created in 1991 by consolidating staff from the Executive Department's Citizens Service Bureau and Office of Neighborhoods, the Community Service Centers of the Department of Human Resources, and the Neighborhood Assistance Division of the Department of Community Development. The Office of Urban Conservation, the City's historic preservation agency, was added in 1992. The following year, the department added a community development function by taking over projects in the Central Area, Southeast Seattle, and the Port of Seattle. In 1999, the Neighborhood Planning Office was abolished and its continuing functions were assumed by the Department of Neighborhoods. The Department's mission is to bring local government closer to the citizens by maintaining a responsive presence in Seattle neighborhoods, by responding to citizen concerns and complaints, and providing a communications link for neighborhoods on City issues that

will have an impact on them. The department operates the Neighborhood Service Centers (Little City Halls), administers the Neighborhood Matching Grant Program, staffs the Landmarks Preservation Board, and manages the P-Patch program.

Content Description

Correspondence, studies, grant documentation, memos, and memoranda of understanding regarding reuse of the Colman School as an African American Heritage Museum, and City support for pre-development work for the museum. Also included are correspondence, minutes, bylaws and court papers regarding the African American Cultural Heritage Center Committee and the African American Museum and Cultural Center Board of Trustees, including legal actions related to a dispute over control of the Board.

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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Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box/Folder		
1/1	African American Heritage Museum and Cultural Center Consultant Contract	1986-1987
1/2	African American Heritage Museum and Cultural Center Development Block Grant (CDBG)	1991-1992
1/3	African American Heritage Museum and Cultural Center Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Transfer	1993
1/4	Background Summary - African American Cultural Heritage Center	1991

Container(s)	Description	Dates
1/5	CIP Submittal	1993
1/6	Colman School Reuse Study	1992
1/7	Colman School Renovations	1992-1993
1/8	African American Heritage Museum and Cultural Center Director Job Description, Selection	1991
1/9	Nomination For Museum	undated
1/10	African American Heritage Museum and Cultural Center	1984-1993
1/11	African American Cultural Heritage Center Committee	1992-1993
1/12	African American Cultural Heritage Center Committee Meetings	1993
1/13	Cannon, John C.	1993-1994
1/14	African American Heritage Museum and Cultural Center	1994-1998
2/1	African American Heritage Museum and Cultural Center Board of Directors	1995-1998
2/2	Debnam, Earl v. Robert Flowers et all, re African American Heritage Museum and Cultural Center Board	1998
2/3	Debnam, Earl v. Robert Flowers et all, re African American Heritage Museum and Cultural Center Board	1998
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2/8	African American Heritage Museum and Cultural Center	1998
2/9	African American Heritage Museum and Cultural Center	1997-1998

Container(s)	Description	Dates
3/1	African American Heritage Museum and Cultural Center	1997
3/2	African American Heritage Museum and Cultural Center	1996
3/3	African American Heritage Museum and Cultural Center	1995-1996
3/4	African American Heritage Museum and Cultural Center	1992-1995

Names and Subjects

Subject Terms :

African Americans--Washington--Seattle

Museums--Washington--Seattle

Corporate Names :

African American Heritage Museum and Cultural Center (Seattle, Wash.)

Geographical Names :

Seattle (Wash.)

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