

Seattle Planning Commission Annual Reports, 1928-1967

Overview of the Collection

Creator	Seattle (Wash.). City Clerk
Title	Seattle Planning Commission Annual Reports
Dates	1928-1967 (inclusive) 1928 1967
Quantity	.4 cubic foot, (1 box)
Collection Number	1802-H7
Summary	Annual reports of Seattle Planning Commission, 1928 to 1995. Reports discuss Commission activities in the areas of comprehensive planning, zoning, and transportation planning. Important projects discussed include the Comprehensive Plan, new Zoning Ordinance, and Central Business District Plan.
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 encoding this finding aid was provided through a grant awarded by the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Historical Note

The Planning Commission was established in 1924 and began meeting in 1925. It was established to address the large number of petitions and requests from various organizations and districts for major improvements involving new streets, street widening, bridges and regrades. In early years, the Commission included six appointive members and three ex-officio members; it later included citizens appointed by the Mayor for staggered three-year terms. By the 1950s the Commission was assisted by a permanent staff of professional planners and in 1967 the Charter was amended to enable the creation of a city planner position. The Planning Commission became part of the Department of Community Development (DCD) in 1972. DCD was abolished in 1992 and a Planning Department was established, absorbing the activities of the Office of Long Range Planning and the Human Services Strategic Planning Office.

Content Description

Annual reports date from 1928 to 1967. Reports discuss activities, projects, and legislation as well as recommended actions, Commission members, and financial information. Early reports address changes in population and zoning issues. Post-World War II reports focus on comprehensive planning programs, transportation planning, and density issues. The 1946-1947 report takes the form of a "Diary of the Trials and Tribulations of a City Planning Commission." Reports in the late 1940s discuss the formulation of and progress on the Comprehensive Plan. Reports from the 1950s continue to discuss Comprehensive Plan progress and development of the new Zoning Ordinance. Other major Planning Commission projects discussed in the annual reports include the Central Business District Plan and Yesler-Atlantic and Leschi Neighborhood Plans. Statistics, charts, and maps appear in many reports.

Use of the Collection

Preferred Citation

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Administrative Information

Arrangement

Annual reports are arranged chronologically by year.

Custodial History

Records were originally filed with the City Clerk in the Comptroller/Clerk's Files (CFs) and were removed to create this record series.

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	Planning Commission Annual Report (published and unpublished)	1928

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1/1	Planning Commission Annual Report	1931
1/1	Planning Commission Annual Report	1945-1946
1/1	Planning Commission Annual Report	1946-1947
1/1	Planning Commission Annual Report	1948
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1/5	Planning Commission Annual Report	1959
1/5	Planning Commission Annual Report	1960
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1/5	Planning Commission Annual Report	1963
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Names and Subjects

Subject Terms :

City planning--Washington (State)--Seattle
Transportation--Planning--Washington (State)--Seattle
Zoning--Washington (State)--Seattle

Geographical Names :

Seattle (Wash.)--Politics and government

Form or Genre Terms :

Annual reports

Other Creators :

Corporate Names :

Seattle Planning Commission
(creator)

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