

Charles Stenvig Papers

COLLECTION SUMMARY

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Collection Title: Charles Stenvig Papers

Dates: 1969–1973

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Creator: Stenvig, Charles A., 1928–2010

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ADMINISTRATIVE HISTORY

A police officer and detective with the Minneapolis Police Department before turning to politics, Charles A. Stenvig (1928-2010) served three terms as mayor of Minneapolis: two consecutive terms from 1969–1973, and a third from 1976–78. The collection is composed of administrative documents related to four aspects of Minneapolis governance during Stenvig’s first two terms:

- Records of meetings of the Minneapolis City Planning Commission
- Reports from the Minneapolis Model City Program. (Begun in 1966 as part of President Lyndon Johnson’s Great Society and War on Poverty, the Model City program provided federal aid to select cities to develop urban renewal and antipoverty initiatives)
- Reports and meeting minutes from the Urban Coalition of Minneapolis, an independent non-profit supporting advocacy by people of color
- Mayoral proclamations

Stenvig was born and raised in Minneapolis and joined the city’s police department shortly after graduating from Augsburg College. He had achieved the rank of detective before entering city politics in 1969, running for mayor as an independent candidate. Stenvig belonged to a wave of candidates running for office across America on “Law and Order” platforms that called for increased policing and harsher punishments for crime. Stenvig was elected Mayor of Minneapolis in 1969 and reelected in 1971, both times by large margins. “Law and Order,” urban renewal, and school desegregation were major subjects in Minneapolis during Stenvig’s first two terms.

In 1973, Minneapolis elected DFL candidate Albert Hofstede, but returned Stenvig to the mayoral office for a third term in 1975. In 1977, Stenvig lost to Hofstede a second time. Stenvig made several more bids for state offices over the next decade but was not successful. He returned to the Minneapolis police department, retiring in 1990 and moving to Arizona. He passed away in 2010.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

This collection contains records accumulated during Stenvig's first two terms as Mayor of Minneapolis, from 1969 to 1973. Rather than creating of comprehensive picture of Stenvig's tenure, these records relate to four aspects of city governance: administrative records of the City Planning Commission, reports on the federally funded Minneapolis Model City Program, reports and meeting minutes from the Urban Coalition of Minneapolis, and mayoral proclamations.

The collection is arranged into four series:

Series 1: City Planning Commission

Subseries 1: Reports of Committee Meetings

Subseries 2: Meeting Minutes and Agenda Items

Series 2: Minneapolis Model City Program

Series 3: Urban League of Minneapolis

Subseries 1: Proposals and Reports

Subseries 2: Meeting Minutes and Agenda Items

Series 4: Mayoral Proclamations

ACCESS

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RELATED MATERIAL

The Hennepin History Museum Archives has a folder of news clippings on Charles Stenvig in its Biographical Clippings files. These date from 1969 through 2010. In 1977, Stenvig donated a unique item to the museum: a nineteenth-century metal doorknob, decorative door plate, and small section of surrounding wooden door. This object (accession no. 2019.0320.102) came from the Minneapolis City Hall building and was a gift to Stenvig.

Papers related to city governance during Stenvig's tenure are housed at the Minneapolis City Archives (<http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/records/index.htm>.) The City Archives also have records on the Minneapolis Model City Program, as do the following repositories:

- Minnesota Historical Society, Gale Family Library: "Hennepin County, Minneapolis: An Inventory of Its Model City Program Records at the Minnesota Historical Society, Government Records." <http://www2.mnhs.org/library/findaids/gr01398.xml>

- Hennepin County Libraries, James K. Hosmer Library: “Minneapolis Model City Program Collection,” M/A 2000.179.01-12. <https://www.hclib.org/-/media/Hennepin-Library/Programs-and-Services/Finding-aids/M/2000-179-Minneapolis-Model-City-Program-2.pdf>
 - Digital images from this collection: <https://digitalcollections.hclib.org/digital/collection/ModelCity/search>

The Gale Family Library at the Minnesota Historical Society holds records from the Urban Coalition of Minneapolis:

- “Urban Coalition of Minneapolis: An Inventory of Its Records at the Minnesota Historical Society.” <http://www2.mnhs.org/library/findaids/00788.xml>
- Newsletter of the Urban Coalition of Minneapolis, c. 1969–1972, SERIAL 1757
- MNHS’s guide to *Urban Renewal in Minnesota (1960s-1970s)* includes a section on “Urban Renewal in Minneapolis,” <https://libguides.mnhs.org/urbanrenewal/mpls>

Finally, Jeffrey T. Manuel and Andrew Urban’s 2008 *American Studies* article discusses the broader social and political context for Stenvig’s calls for “Law and Order”:

- Jeffrey T. Manuel and Andrew Urban. “‘You Can’t Legislate the Heart’: Minneapolis Mayor Charles Stenvig and the Politics of Law and Order.” *American Studies* 49, no. 3/4 (Fall/Winter 2008): 195–219.

ACQUISITION

The Hennepin History Museum received the collection on January 1, 1974, shortly after Stenvig completed his second mayoral term. The donation receipt and inventory, authored by curator Ruth Zalusky Thorstensen, notes that “this is material brought in by the driver of Mayor Stenvig upon leaving the office of the Mayor of Minneapolis.” The collection was given the number 2056, which is written in pencil on many documents. The donation also included a silver *mate* cup and spoon from Santiago, Chile, a sister city of Minneapolis, but their current location is undetermined.

COLLECTION INVENTORY

Series 1: City Planning Commission

Subseries 1: Reports of Committee Meetings

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>		
1	1	Reports of Committee Meetings, 8/5/69–12/12/69	224 pages
1	2	Reports of Committee Meetings, 1/12/70–3/5/70	174 pages
1	3	Reports of Committee Meetings, Cedar-Riverside Renewal Proposal, 2/70	41 pages
1	4	Reports of Committee Meetings, 3/9/70–5/15/70	155 pages
1	5	Reports of Committee Meetings, 5/18/70–5/28/70	115 pages
1	6	Reports of Committee Meetings, 6/2/70–6/18/70	132 pages
1	7	Reports of Committee Meetings, 6/25/70–7/30/70	176 pages

1	8	Reports of Committee Meetings, 8/1/70–8/31/70	115 pages
1	9	Reports of Committee Meetings, 9/1/70–9/14/70	169 pages
1	10	Reports of Committee Meetings, 9/17/70–10/21/70	155 pages
1	11	Reports of Committee Meetings, 10/22/70–12/1/70	116 pages
1	12	Reports of Committee Meetings, 12/3/70–1/11/71	166 pages
1	13	Reports of Committee Meetings, 1/14/71–2/18/71	144 pages
1	14	Reports of Committee Meetings, 2/17/71–3/15/71	163 pages
1	15	Reports of Committee Meetings, 3/17/71–3/29/71	118 pages
1	16	Reports of Committee Meetings, 4/1/71–5/6/71	191 pages
1	17	Reports of Committee Meetings, 5/10/71–6/14/71	175 pages
1	18	Reports of Committee Meetings, 6/18/71–7/17/71	202 pages
1	19	Reports of Committee Meetings 7/20/71–9/18/71	165 pages
2	1	Reports of Committee Meetings, 8/1/71–8/30/71	201 pages
2	2	Reports of Committee Meetings, 9/1/1971–11/15/1971	153 pages
2	3	Reports of Committee Meetings, 11/18/1971–12/28/1971	178 pages
2	4	Reports of Committee Meetings, 12/30/1971–1/10/1972	107 pages
2	5	Reports of Committee Meetings, 1/17/1972–3/20/1972	171 pages
2	6	Reports of Committee Meetings, 3/22/1972–5/4/1972	187 pages
2	7	Reports of Committee Meetings, 5/7/1972–7/20/1972	161 pages
2	8	Reports of Committee Meetings, 9/28/1972–12/18/1972	184 pages
2	9	Reports of Committee Meetings, 12/20/1972–2/12/1973	138 pages
2	10	Reports of Committee Meetings, 3/1/1973–3/30/1973	133 pages
2	11	Reports of Committee Meetings, 4/1/1973–5/31/1973	176 pages
2	12	Reports of Committee Meetings, 6/18/1973–6/21/1973	145 pages
2	13	Reports of Committee Meetings, 7/2/1973–9/6/1973	187 pages
2	14	Reports of Committee Meetings, 9/6/1973–11/21/1973	153 pages
<i>Subseries 2: Meeting Minutes and Agenda Items</i>			
2	15	Meeting Minutes and Agenda Items, 6/5/1969–2/5/1970	176 pages
2	16	Meeting Minutes and Agenda Items, 7/17/1969	139 pages
2	17	Meeting Minutes and Agenda Items, 7/31/1969	169 pages
2	18	Meeting Minutes and Agenda Items, 2/5/1970–10/22/1970	200 pages
2	19	Meeting Minutes and Agenda Items, 11/5/1970–5/6/1971	150 pages
3	1	Meeting Minutes and Agenda Items, 5/20/1971–12/22/1971	141 pages
3	2	Meeting Minutes and Agenda Items, 1/6/1972–12/21/1972	190 pages
3	3	Meeting Minutes and Agenda Items, 1/4/1973–11/1/1973	150 pages

Series 2: Minneapolis Model City ProgramBox Folder

3	4	“A Review: The Minneapolis Model City Program,” 1969	29 pages
3	5	Model Cities Police Project, 1969	176 pages
3	6	Parts I and II: Problem Analysis, Five-Year Forecast, 1969, 1 of 5	94 pages
3	6	Parts I and II: Problem Analysis, Five-Year Forecast, 1969, 2 of 5	70 pages
3	8	Parts I and II: Problem Analysis, Five-Year Forecast, 1969, 3 of 5	82 pages
3	9	Parts I and II: Problem Analysis, Five-Year Forecast, 1969, 4 of 5	54 pages
3	10	Parts I and II: Problem Analysis, Five-Year Forecast, 1969, 5 of 5	96 pages
3	11	Part II: Five-Year Forecast (Draft Report), 1969, 1 of 4	107 pages
3	12	Part II: Five-Year Forecast (Draft Report), 1969, 2 of 4	112 pages
3	13	Part II: Five-Year Forecast (Draft Report), 1969, 3 of 4	101 pages
3	14	Part II: Five-Year Forecast (Draft Report), 1969, 4 of 4	113 pages
3	15	Part III: First-Year Action Projects (Draft Report), 1969, 1 of 3	92 pages
3	16	Part III: First-Year Action Projects (Draft Report), 1969, 2 of 3	104 pages
3	17	Part III: First-Year Action Projects (Draft Report), 1969, 3 of 3	48 pages
3	18	Part III: First-Year Action Programs, 1969, 1 of 3	121 pages
3	19	Part III: First-Year Action Programs, 1969, 2 of 3	115 pages
3	20	Part III: First-Year Action Programs, 1969, 3 of 3	90 pages
3	21	Second-Year Evaluations, Part I, 1972, 1 of 3	142 pages
3	22	Second-Year Evaluations, Part I, 1972, 2 of 3	104 pages
3	23	Second-Year Evaluations, Part I, 1972, 3 of 3	136 pages
3	24	Second-Year Evaluations, Part II, 1972, 1 of 4	77 pages
3	25	Second-Year Evaluations, Part II, 1972, 2 of 4	134 pages
3	26	Second-Year Evaluations, Part II, 1972, 3 of 4	87 pages
4	1	Second-Year Evaluations, Part II, 1972, 4 of 4	67 pages
4	2	Third-Year Negotiating Documents, 1972, 1 of 4	95 pages
4	3	Third-Year Negotiating Documents, 1972, 2 of 4	77 pages
4	4	Third-Year Negotiating Documents, 1972, 3 of 4	68 pages
4	5	Third-Year Negotiating Documents, 1972, 4 of 4	61 pages
4	6	Third-Year Evaluations, Part I, 1972–73, 1 of 4	144 pages
4	7	Third-Year Evaluations, Part I, 1972–73, 2 of 4	115 pages
4	8	Third-Year Evaluations, Part I, 1972–73, 3 of 4	95 pages
4	9	Third-Year Evaluations, Part I, 1972–73, 4 of 4	101 pages
4	10	Third-Year Evaluations, Part II, 1972–73, 1 of 4	110 pages
4	11	Third-Year Evaluations, Part II, 1972–73, 2 of 4	80 pages
4	12	Third-Year Evaluations, Part II, 1972–73, 3 of 4	90 pages
4	13	Third-Year Evaluations, Part II, 1972–73, 4 of 4	112 pages
4	14	Fourth-Year Action Program, Transition Phase, 1973–74	144 pages
4	15	Report: “Victimization of the Residents and their Perceptions	129 pages

		of Community Services,” 1971, 1 of 3	
4	16	Report: “Victimization of the Residents and their Perceptions of Community Services,” 1971, 2 of 3	127 pages
4	17	Report: “Victimization of the Residents and their Perceptions of Community Services,” 1971, 3 of 3	111 pages
4	18	Meeting Minutes, 6/19/1969–6/17/1970	90 pages
4	19	Meeting Minutes, 7/30/1970–12/22/1970	58 pages
4	20	Meeting Minutes, 1/5/1971–12/21/1971	93 pages
4	21	Meeting Minutes, 1/3/1972–6/29/1972	107 pages
4	22	Meeting Minutes, 7/3/1972–12/25/1972	125 pages
4	23	Meeting Minutes, 1/4/1973–3/27/1973	81 pages
4	24	Meeting Minutes, 4/2/1973–11/12/1973	93 pages

Series 3: Urban Coalition of Minneapolis

Subseries: Proposals and Reports

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>		
5	1	Retreat: Draft Report, 10/24/1969–10/25/1969	16 pages
5	2	Court Employment Project, Background Paper, 8/1970	30 pages
5	3	Pretrial Diversion Project, Draft & Final Reports, 9/1970–11/1970	101 pages
5	4	Report to the Directors of the Action Committee, 11/4/1971	48 pages

Subseries: Meeting Minutes and Agenda Items

5	5	Meeting Minutes and Agenda Items, 6/20/1969–12/4/1969	110 pages
5	6	Meetings Minutes and Agenda Items, 12/1969	130 pages
5	7	Meetings Minutes and Agenda Items, 1/1/1970–5/28/1970	94 pages
5	8	Meeting Minutes and Agenda Items, 6/3/1970–12/31/1970	100 pages
5	9	Meeting Minutes and Agenda Items, 1/1/1971–2/4/1971	94 pages
5	10	Meeting Minutes and Agenda Items, 3/4/1971–7/29/1971	149 pages
5	11	Meeting Minutes and Agenda Items, 8/1/1971–11/4/1971	79 pages
5	12	Meeting Minutes and Agenda Items, 1/1/1972–7/6/1972	118 pages
5	13	Meeting Minutes and Agenda Items, 8/3/1972–12/26/1972	105 pages
5	14	Meeting Minutes and Agenda Items, 1/3/1973–4/16/1973	173 pages
5	15	Meeting Minutes and Agenda Items, 5/7/1973–10/11/1973	141 pages

Series 4: Mayoral Proclamations

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>		
5	16	Proclamations, 6/24/1969–4/18/1970	161 pages
5	17	Proclamations, 5/1/1970–8/1/1970	81 pages
5	18	Proclamations, 8/9/1970–12/1/1970	90 pages

5	19	Proclamations, 12/16/1970–3/27/1971	61 pages
5	20	Proclamations, 4/2/1971–5/23/1971	81 pages
5	21	Proclamations, 5/24/1971–12/6/1971	96 pages
5	22	Proclamations, 4/5/1972–11/13/1972	55 pages



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