

# Department of Community Planning and Economic Development Collection (CPED/MHRA/MCDA)

## COLLECTION SUMMARY

**Collection number:** B577, Accession # 2019.017.0001 to 2019.017.0014

**Collection repository:** Hennepin History Museum

2303 Third Ave

Minneapolis, MN 55404

**Collection title:** CPED Collection

**Dates:** 1930-2002

**Extent:** 14 boxes, 5 linear feet.

**Creator:** Minneapolis Community Development Agency (MCDA), formerly known as the Minneapolis Housing and Redevelopment Authority (MHRA)

**Language of the Material:** English

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## ADMINISTRATIVE HISTORY

After the U.S. Housing Act of 1937, Minnesota State Legislature facilitated ways for local jurisdictions to create public housing and planning authorities. The Minneapolis Housing and Redevelopment Authority (MHRA) was created in 1947 by Mayor Hubert Humphry for this task. The MHRA developed new residential, commercial, and industrial areas that would become productive and useful for the city and its residents. These developments were to be accomplished through city and federal funding.

Public housing construction had been underway in Minneapolis for several decades by the time Robert Jorvig became the head of the MHRA in 1956. At this same time, planning was just being completed for the Gateway Center project. This project would include razing one-third of downtown Minneapolis, including its skid row. In 1958, Jorvig collaborated with the new city planning director Lawrence Irvin, with the shared goal of continuing the urban renewal plan in downtown.

The MHRA was the city's public authority in charge of developing housing for a diverse, low-income population. Townhome and low apartment-style developments had been the architectural style of building, but by the end of the 1960s, the city had adopted the model of building high-rise housing units. Soon, 28 low income, high-rise apartments were built to serve the population.

In the 1970s, the MHRA began to develop scatter-site, single-family homes by acquiring and rehabilitating properties. In the 1980s, the MHRA merged with the Minneapolis Industrial

Development Commission to form the Minneapolis Community Development Agency (MCDA). Then, in 2003, the MCDA, along with the City Planning Department, the Empowerment Zone, and the Minneapolis Employment and Training Program, combined to form the Department of Community Planning and Economic Development (CPED).

## **SCOPE AND CONTENT**

This collection includes materials donated by the Minneapolis Community Development Agency (MCDA). The bulk of the collection dates from the 1960s -1970s. Most of the materials were created when the MCDA operated as the Minneapolis Housing and Redevelopment Authority (MHRA). The majority of the collection is composed of photographic slides featuring images of the city of Minneapolis and redevelopment projects initiated by the MHRA, later known as MCDA. The collection also features photographic prints of redevelopment in downtown Minneapolis including the Gateway district, urban renewal, senior housing projects and other redevelopment projects. The collection contains a small amount of operational records from the MHRA.

The collection is arranged into three series.

Series 1: Minneapolis Housing and Redevelopment Authority (MHRA) Operational Records

Series 2: Audio Recordings

Series 3: Images

Series 1 includes MHRA staff information sheets from the 1970s that focus on different projects, programming, and St. Anthony West redevelopment information. The St. Anthony West information includes worksheets, maps and disposition parcel details for the area.

Series 2 includes radio spots, trainings and other topics produced and recorded on a variety of media for the MHRA and MCDA. See ACCESS for further information on objects in this series.

Series 3 contains photographic slides, prints, negatives and glass plate negatives primarily depicting city and housing redevelopment in the Minneapolis area. The bulk of the material dates from the 1960s - 1970s. The series includes images from the Gateway district, public housing projects, cityscape images, city works images and more. Most of this collection is comprised of photographic slides. Digitized copies of many of these slide images are available on Hennepin County Library's Digital Collections website. See the Collection Inventory for a list of photographs and their corresponding identifier numbers which may be available as digital copies.

## **ACCESS**

- The collection is open for researchers and has no restrictions.
- Box 14 contains information from Hennepin County Library regarding the portion of the collection digitized in 2016. This metadata on an external hard drive is for internal use only.
- Series 2 contains magnetic tape audio recordings which may require a playback device not available from the museum at this time.

## COPYRIGHT

The researcher assumes the responsibility for ensuring copyright is followed. When and where possible the archive will provide information related to the copyright owners, but it will be the responsibility of the researcher to ensure copyright laws are followed. Requests for permission to publish material in this collection should be directed to the Archivist.

## RELATED MATERIAL

Additional items relating to the Minneapolis Community Development Agency can be found at the following:

- *Minneapolis City Planning Commission*. Hennepin History Museum archival collection B500.
- *Minneapolis Housing and Redevelopment Authority*. Hennepin History Museum archival collection B275.
- Hennepin County Library Special Collections. Digital Collections. City of Minneapolis digital collection. <https://digitalcollections.hclib.org/digital/collection/CPED>
- Scrapbook of newspaper clippings created by the Minneapolis Housing and Redevelopment Authority. September 1, 1970-August 9, 1971. Hennepin History Museum. Scrapbooks. SC17.
- Scrapbook of newspaper clippings created by the Minneapolis Housing and Redevelopment Authority. January 1974-July 1974. Hennepin History Museum. Scrapbooks. SC17.
- *Minneapolis. Its People, History, Resources, and Government*. Authored by the Minneapolis Public Schools, 1959. On shelf at Hennepin History Museum. See *Neighborhoods—MPLS*.
- *Minneapolis in the Twentieth Century*. By Eric Nathanson, 2010. On shelf at Hennepin History Museum. See *Neighborhoods—MPLS*. Call number 977.65 N38.
- *Minneapolis-St. Paul: People, Places, and Public Life*. By John Adams and Barbara VanDrasek. On shelf at Hennepin History Museum. See *Neighborhoods—MPLS*. Call number 977.657 adams
- *MPHA History*. Minneapolis Public Housing Authority. Includes history of MHRA and MCDA. <https://mphaonline.org>
- Minnesota Reflections. Digital image collection. <https://reflections.mndigital.org/catalog/mppls:1449?pn=false#/image/0>

## ACQUISITION

Part of the material in this collection was donated by Jim Sutherland, Commercial Development Manager for the Minneapolis Community Development Agency (MCDA). Part of the collection may be attributable to a donation from Dorothy Burke, courtesy of the Hennepin County Library.

**COLLECTION INVENTORY****Series 1: Minneapolis Housing and Redevelopment Authority (MHRA) Operational Records**

<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>	
13	1	Staff information sheets. February-June, 1976.
13	2	St. Anthony West redevelopment. Disposition parcel keys, forms, maps. Disposition parcels 1-6.
13	3	St. Anthony West redevelopment. Disposition parcels 7-39.
13	4	St. Anthony West redevelopment. Disposition parcels 40-59.

**Series 2: Audio Recordings**

<b>Box</b>	
13	Audio cassette. "Mpls. Community Development Agency MCV841R 'Advantage'. Produced by Vanguard Advertising." Radio spot. 1985. 2019.017.0312
13	Audio cassette. "MCDA Family Housing. Produced by Vanguard Advertising." 1985. 2019.017.0313
13	Audio cassette. "Housing Resources for Mpls. Homeowners." 2019.017.0314
13	Audio cassette. "Sexual Har. Mang. No. 2" 2019.017.0315
13	Audio cassette. "1 7/8 4 Complete." 2019.017.0316
13	Audio cassette. "1 7/8 Training section No. 1" 2019.017.0317
13	Audio cassette. No label. 2019.017.0318
13	Audio cassette. "MHRA Today." 2019.017.0319
14	Magnetic tape. "'Elderly' copy-dupe-but without buzzing." 5-inch reel. 2019.017.0320
14	Magnetic tape. "'Elderly' final original." 5-inch reel. 2019.017.0321
14	Magnetic tape. "Rehab I. 12 min." 3.5-inch reel. 2019.017.0323

**Series 3: Images****Sub-series 1: Images: Not digitized**

<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>	
13	5	Photographs. MPHA. Architectural renderings. Some designated as housing for the elderly or senior citizen projects.
13	6	Photographs. MPHA. Architectural renderings.
13	7	Photographs. Charts and maps.
13	8	Photographs. Railroad crossing terminals.
13	9	Photographs. Southeast Minneapolis.
13	10	Photographs. Waterworks.
13	11	Photographs. Buildings, cityscape, city council, St. Anthony Falls.
13	12	Photographs. Cities of Minneapolis and St. Paul miscellaneous. Maps and newspapers, Minneapolis. City works and workers. 2 prints of Galena, Il(?) from L. Irvin.

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| 13 | 13              | Photographs. Minneapolis Journal pages. Minneapolis neighborhood maps.                     |
| 13 | 14              | Glass plate negatives and prints. (1) 3 <sup>rd</sup> Avenue South bridge. (1) Waterworks. |
| 13 | <b>Envelope</b> |  |
|    | 15              | Photographs. Non-local topics. Features Lijnbaan Plaza.                                    |
| 13 | -               | Photographic slides. City Hall historic pictures.  |
| 13 | -               | Photographic slides. Oil paintings, council chambers.                                      |
| 13 | -               | Photographic slides. "Playgrounds."  |
| 14 | -               | Ortho film negatives. "Rehab Display." 4" x 5".  |

**Sub-series 2: Images. Digitized.**

Note: Use identifier numbers when referencing items within the collection and when searching Digital Collections at the Hennepin County Library Special Collections.

**Box**

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| 1  | Photographic slides (transparencies). C02692-C03990                              |
| 2  | Photographic slides (transparencies). C03991-C05250                              |
| 3  | Photographic slides (transparencies). C05251-C06525                              |
| 4  | Photographic slides (transparencies). C06526-C07780                              |
| 5  | Photographic slides (transparencies). C07781-C09055                              |
| 6  | Photographic slides (transparencies). C09241-09390, C09821-C09822, C20066-C20165 |
| 7  | Photographic slides (transparencies). C13729-C14986                              |
| 8  | Photographic slides (transparencies). C14987-C15075, C19575-C20065               |
| 9  | Photographic slides (transparencies). C17050-C18339                              |
| 10 | Photographic slides (transparencies). C18340-C19574                              |
| 11 | Photographs. Housing, redevelopment, housing for the elderly. C09391-C09590      |
| 12 | Photographs. Housing, redevelopment, housing for the elderly. C09591-C09820      |



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