

Aurora Historical Commission Meetings 1962 – 1993

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Abstract: This collection contains the Aurora Historical Commission (AHC) Meeting Agendas, Minutes, Objectives, Program Goals, Budgets for the upcoming year, Applicant Resumes, Correspondence, Draft and Final Proposed Policies related to the AHC. Additional miscellaneous related documents and correspondence are included. The folder listings below describe content beyond the usual contents: In general, all folders have: (AHC) Meeting Agendas, Minutes, Objectives, Program Goals, and upcoming year Budget, Correspondence, and Draft and Final Proposed Policies and Ordinances related to the AHC. The general items in each folder are not separately listed. *Caution:* Many documents, especially meeting minutes, do not have page numbers, dates or subject on all pages and would be difficult to sort for proper order or association.

The Historical Commission was initially authorized by the Aurora City Council in October of 1962 through 1993. It appears this commission originally functioned as a committee of the Aurora Chamber of Commerce from 1962 through 1970, when the City Council passed a resolution officially establishing the Aurora Historical Commission as an advisory entity to the city council, see Article XII, Section 8.

Arrangement: The each folder in general covers one year. A couple of years' contents are split into two folders due to the volume of documents for that year. The folders are in ascending date order. The contents of each folder are in ascending date order. Some documents in each folder are undated. These are placed in the order in which they were filed in the original folder.

Contents (Archive C DB-6)

Folder 1: 1962-1963. A collection of historical information relative to Aurora was offered in a Dick Klingman letter to the Chamber of Commerce. The City Council authorized acceptance of the collection by the Chamber of Commerce.

Folder 2: 1970. A copy of the 11-1970 Resolution establishing the AHC is included as well as Article XII under Boards, "Commissions, Committees and Authorities". The authority and scope under "Landmark or Landmark Site Designation Procedure is included. Some initial resumes for members are included.

Folder 3: 1971. Resolution appointing the initial seven AHC members. Documents relative to the 'Aurora First 80 Years' celebration. Semi-Annual Report. Proposed renovation of Crawford School and cost, (Colonel) John Beecken, Chairman.

Folder 4: 1972. Section 1: Meetings. Section 2 Correspondence. (Reflects division in original folder.) Appointing non-voting advisory members. Semi-Annual Report.

Folder 5: 1973. Appointing non-voting advisory members. Semi-Annual Report.

Folder 6: 1974. Member term extended to four years and appointed by Aurora Council.

Folder 7: 1975. Usual.

Folder 8: 1976. A brief early history of Aurora. City Manager request for attendance records including unexcused absences. Proposed historical marker at Crawford School, which is also near the site of the first public school. List of buildings, sites and homes of historical interest.

Folder 9: 1977. Arapahoe County work plan. Approval to relocate museum to the Data Processing Building after their move to the Justice Center.

Folder 10: 1978. Antiques donated by Mrs. Billie Preston with inventory. Initial Aurora Historic Preservation Inventory by David McCord. Certificate for AHC support of American association for State and Local History.

Folder 11: 1979. Copy Chapter 10, Aurora Historical Commission proposed draft. Copy of Study of Area Historical Museums from Vicki Sandstead. Legal opinion of AHC's duties, authority, and responsibilities by Lawrence Kueter. Request to move AHC from under Libraries to Planning. Proposed monument at Quincy and Smoky Hill Road for Arthur Coffman, early settler.

Folder 12: 1980. Draft copy of AHC Bylaws.

Folder 13: 1981. Annual report of AHC. Updated Ordinance No. 81-122 concerning Boards, Commissions, Committees and Authorities.

Folder 14: 1982. Report to the City Council. AHC estimate of needed space of 40,000 square feet to fulfill the mission versus existing space of 2,239 square feet. Support for buying the Fox Theater from James Grady, chairman AHC to Dennis Champine. Joint meeting with the Aurora Historical Society. AHC joint meeting with the City Council. Proposal to move the Gully Homestead building and renovation in 1983. Ordinance 81-122 adding new Section I requirements.

Folder 15: 1983. Long Range Planning, Statement of Philosophy, and Goals and Objectives. 5 Year Master Plan. Annual Report of AHC.

Folder 16: 1984. Support of retaining City Seal by William Henslar, chairman, AHC to Champine and the City Council. Draft proposal for Historical Commission Attendance Policy. Consideration of Lowry Building 880 for Historical Landmark designation request of Ronald Hartzler, LTTC Historian. Bresnahan Property Master Plan. Proposed Historical Preservation Ordinance. Draft proposal of policy for procedures for naming city facilities. Resolution No. R84-71 concerning attendance at meetings by members of Boards and Commissions appointed by City Council. Proposal by B K Blake, Chief of Police to dedicate the Police Pistol Range in honor of officer Debra Sue Corr, killed in the line of duty.

Folder 17: January – April 1985. Review and update of 5 Year Master Plan. Applicant resumes for board position.

Folder 18: May – December 1985. Recommendation to rename Quincy Water Treatment Plant for Charles A. Wemlinger. Gully Homestead vandalism. Legal opinion on board Alternates/Proxies. Draft Aurora Preservation Commission Rules of Procedure. Sunset Review requirements.

Folder 19: 1986. Draft changes to Article XII Section 8 regarding the Historical Commission. Resolution No. R85-16 adopting policy for naming city parks and facilities. Resolution No. R86-63 adopting policy on Appointment and reappointment of members to boards and commissions. Rejection of request for expansion. Request to transfer AHC to Parks and Recreation. Request to name a major street, avenue or building for Martin Luther King.

Folder 20: 1987. Resumes for vacant board position.

Folder 21: 1987. Resolution No. R86-108 adopting a “code of ethics for public service on boards and commissions of the city of Aurora”.

Folder 22: 1988. Draft Historical Commission Ordinance.

Folder 23: 1989. Bill for adopting Ordinance 88-69 amending sections 8-203, 8-206, 8-208, 8-367, and 8-370. AHC Evaluation Report which evaluates existing policy and recommendations for future policy and direction for the museum.

Folder 24: 1990. Implement transition of the History Museum from current location to the Municipal Justice Center site. AHC endorsement of funding proposal for move to new site. Draft rules of procedure for the AHC.

Folder 25: 1991. AHC proposal to use funds to build a new SE entrance. Aurora Historical Sites Survey.

Folder 26: 1992. New City Council policy committee on Boards, Commissions and Committees. New Historic Preservation Commission Mission Statement. Historical Commission Mission Statement. Community Leadership ActionPak proposed training. Ordinance No. 92-30 relating to the elimination of sunset review procedure for boards, commissions, committees and authorities. Resolution No. R92-35 regarding attendance at meetings by members of boards and commissions appointed by the city council. Aurora City Council directive that all public policy announcements must be submitted to the city council. Centennial House report.

Folder 27: 1993. Public Dimension Assessment Self-Study Questionnaire form.

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