

Original Aurora Renewal

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Abstract: The effort to develop, execute and implement renewal of the original part of Aurora began in 1993 (Original Aurora Renewal or OAR). A Proclamation was signed by Mayor Tauer in 1992 with a second Proclamation in 2002. A number of aspects were targeted. The collection includes information and documentation of studies, mini-grants, park and alley improvements, Cultural Arts District, etc. The meeting Minutes of the Cultural Arts Action Team are included along with event literature.

Arrangement: The folders are arranged by date. The folder contents are arranged by date, when available. Like material is grouped together where no date is available. Some folders have multiple related programs. Fall Fest posters are in Archive C, MD21.

Contents (Archives DB 5)

Folder 1: 1978, 1997, 1998. Neighborhood improvement newsletters and Mini-Grants for Morris Heights and Hoffman/Jewell Heights.

Folder 2: 1980, 1996. 1980 "The Original Aurora Master Plan" Attachment 3-d, 1996, "Colfax Master Plan."

Folder 3: 1993. OAR "Policy Review/Direction, City Council Study Session". Planned phases, vision, goals, recommended budget, Action Teams, etc.

Folder 4: 1993, 2002. Proclamations signed by Mayor Tauer. The Aurora City Council in 1992 formally created Original Aurora Renewal to implement the Northwest Aurora Revitalization Strategy. The 2002 Proclamation set October 28, 2002 as "Original Aurora Renewal Day".

Folder 5: 1993. OAR Cultural Arts Action Team's, Priority Projects. This covered the Purpose and Vision for six areas of action.

Folder 6: 1994-1996. OAR Cultural Action Team meeting agendas and minutes.

Folder 7: 1997. OAR Cultural Action Team meeting agendas and minutes.

Folder 8: 1998. OAR Cultural Action Team meeting agendas and minutes.

Folder 9: 1999. Cultural Action Team meeting agendas and minutes.

Folder 10: 2000-2001. OAR Cultural Action Team meeting agendas and minutes.

Folder 11: 1994-2011. OAR miscellaneous budget, status reports, etc.

Folder 12: 1997. OAR Neighborhood Action Team report.

Folder 13: 1997-1995. OAR Block-by-Block Neighborhood Revitalization, "Paris Focus".

Folder 14: 1997-1998. OAR. 1. Alley Cleanup program: Program to encourage keeping alleys clean and provide guidance on trash management. Flier covering the new Trash and Debris Ordinance. 2. World Championship of Alley Cleanup: An alley cleanup effort with youth volunteers that included a team competition. 3. Cart Attack: Volunteers were stationed at grocery stores to provide shoppers with flyers encouraging that carts be returned to the store. Other volunteers to help collect, sort, and load neighborhood carts onto trucks to return to their respective stores.

Folder 15: 1997-2001. OAR 1. Tool Lending Program: Provide tools for OAR residents to borrow tools for landscaping, repairs, and home improvement. 2. Flier for Original Aurora Job Fair featured 200 jobs to be filled. 3. Spirit Team Roster. Team worked with churches and related groups.

Folder 16: 1999. Original Aurora Reorganization Proposal. Proposal to disband the Aurora Rehabilitation Authority and move the programs into the City's revitalization programs.

Folder 17: 1999-2000. OAR Mini Grant Proposals for West Middle School and the Park-to-Park effort. This included Havana Park, Spencer Park, and Fletcher Park. Primarily for landscaping and related beautification.

Folder 18: 1999-2000. OAR Mini Grant Proposals for the Park-to-Park effort. This includes Montview Park, Moorhead Park, and Fulton Park. Primarily for landscaping and related beautification.

Folder 19: 1999-2016. OAR Mini Grant Proposals for North Middle School. Primarily for landscaping and related beautification.

Folder 20: 1999-2004. OAR Unsung Hero/Heroine Award. Plaque has names of the yearly award to a man or woman who has contributed to Original Aurora over a long period of time.

Folder 21: 2000. OAR Paint the Town Project. Painting by volunteers of multiple public and non-profit sites for beautification.

Folder 22: 2002-2008. Miscellaneous articles about the OAR programs.

Folder 23: 2002-2017, Undated. OAR general information, status reports, and budget documents.

Folder 24: 2001 and 2017. OAR. Original Aurora Retail Market Analysis, Urban Market Analysis by Jennifer Eby. The analysis surveys the then current condition of original Aurora primarily along Colfax and determine effective concepts to stimulate commercial redevelopment. Included is a 2016 Aurora Socio-Economic Summary by Ward.

Folder 25: 2004. OAR Chair Affair and Auction. This is a multi-year community arts campaign to promote the Original Downtown Arts District. Local celebrities, artists, and residents transformed a bare large chair into an artistic creation. Mini-chairs were created and auctioned off to add permanent Art in the Arts district. Folder includes a picture of finished chair, fliers, and articles.

Folder 26: 2006. OAR Master Pieces Community Art Project and Auction. 32 pieces of a large panel were painted and reassembled to make a Master Piece. Master Pieces were auctioned to support the East End Arts District.

Folder 27: 2000-2010. OAR Weed and Seed Program featured in Issue 4 of the US Department of Justice, Best Practices. Aurora Weed and Seed Needs Assessment, Final Report, by Judith Cohen and Daniel Hettleman.

Folder 28: 2007. OAR Volunteer Appreciation Celebration. Includes OAR programs and multiple other community efforts.

Folder 29: 2007-2008. OAR 1. Original Aurora Job Linkages Project Final Draft by Judith Cohen and Dawn Barrett. The Job Linkages project was to improve the condition of people living in Original Aurora. 2. Service Agreement for Job Linkages Project for consultant Judith Cohen.

Folder 30: 2008. OAR Economic Development Administration Job Linkages 2007-08 report. The Job Linkages were to leverage the proximity of the Anschutz Medical Campus and the Fitzsimons Life Sciences District to improve the economic well-being of residents of the Original Aurora neighborhood.

Folder 31: 2013. OAR 'The Collection' and Auction. The creation of art from objects found lying around such as at residences and offices. Artistic guidance from Phil Bender and others. The art was auctioned to support future community art programs. Pictures of several the resulting art pieces are included.

Folder 32: 2014-2015: FallFest 2015: 19th FallFest flyers. 2015 release for 20th FallFest. (See Archive C CMD 21 for Posters of Fall Fest)

Folder 33: 2016. OAR Ward I Cleanup Day documentation: Notes, Permit, volunteer rosters, sites, and recycling and disposal.

Folder 34: Undated. OAR Information: Original Aurora area descriptive booklet.

Folder 35: Undated. OAR Light Up the Night: Door hanger, sign, poster board, lapel pin.

Folder 36: Undated. OAR Mission with Action Teams. Description, organization, and team members.

Folder 37: Undated. OAR Organizations Involved in Revitalization, and Northwest Aurora Revitalization Strategy/Neighborhood Plan: Process, meetings, goals, and recommendations.

Folder 38: Undated. OAR Integration Collaborative Steering Committee Orientation Packet.

Folder 39: Undated. OAR Immigrant Integration Planning Process: Description, plan aspects, considerations.

Oversize Documents (Archives C, Drawer MD 21)

Folder 1b: Oct. 15th-20th, Year: Unknown: Posters for 20th Fall Fest.

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