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Guide to the South Park Improvement Association Records 1925-1967



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Descriptive Summary

Identifier	ICU.SPCL.SPIA
Title	South Park Improvement Association. Records
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Abstract The South Park Improvement Association was founded in 1901 for the purpose of providing for services not rendered by the city of Chicago. This collection contains records of the South Park Improvement Association, including correspondence, service planning information, membership lists, and financial information such as budgets and invoices.

Acknowledgments

Preservation of this collection was supported with a generous gift from the University of Chicago Service League.

Information on Use

Access

Open for research. No restrictions.

Citation

When quoting material from this collection, the preferred citation is: South Park Improvement Association. Records, [Box #, Folder #], Special Collections Research Center, University of Chicago Library

Historical Note

The South Park Improvement Association was founded in 1901 for the purpose of “providing necessary services not rendered by the city of Chicago.” With a base on 57th Street in Hyde Park, the formation of the organization was an experiment “in the interest of civic improvement, the desire to realize the high ideals of the community by maintaining the neighborhood in a better and more sanitary condition.” The Association was a non-profit corporation; their funds were obtained from voluntary payments for its services, received from householders and property owners. Some of the projects they were involved in included sidewalk snow removal; street flushing—where debris was washed into gutters for easier removal, occurring May through

October; trash removal; paper collection drives; and beautification projects, including trimming trees and removing weeds from vacant lots or parkways.

Scope Note

This collection contains records of the South Park Improvement Association and is organized alphabetically, with an over-size ledger at the end of the series. This collection includes correspondence, event planning information, membership lists, press clippings, as well as financial information such as budgets and invoices.

Related Resources

The following related resources are located in the Department of Special Collections:

<http://www.lib.uchicago.edu/e/spcl/select.html>

Hyde Park Historical Society. Collection

Subject Headings

- South Park Improvement Association
- Hyde Park (Chicago, Ill.)

INVENTORY

Box 1

Folder 1

Addressograph Company, 1937-1953

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Folder 2

By-laws, 1938-1959

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Folder 3

General file, 1925-1965

Box 1

Folder 4

Hyde Park Community Planning Association, 1956

Box 1

Folder 5

Membership, 1947-1963

Box 1

Folder 6

Paper collection, 1909-1967

Box 1

Folder 7

Special work, 1951-1964

Box 2

Accounting Ledger -- Payments for Services, 1939-1965