

Patricia Baker Collection

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Summary Information

Repository	James K. Hosmer Special Collections Library
Creator	Baker, Patricia D., 1931-1997
Title	Patricia Baker Collection
Date	1980-1995
Extent	2.0 boxes
Language	English

Biography

Patricia Baker was born on the 17th of January, 1931. She attended high school at the Northrop Collegiate School and college at the Minneapolis School of Business and William Woods College. Later, she continued her education at the University of Minnesota and Macalester College.

Baker volunteered with many organizations, including Friends of the Minneapolis Public Library and the Woman's Club of Minneapolis. She served as a park commissioner for the 4th district--from Lake Calhoun to the Mississippi River, mostly between Olson Highway and Lake Street--for many years and was president of the Board several times. She was well-known for her part in convincing the Minneapolis Institute of Arts to stop charging admission fees. She died on the first of January, 1997.

Collection Description

Two boxes. This collection covers 1980-1995. It consists of correspondence, memorandums, reports and publications pertaining largely to the Minneapolis Park Board and Baker as a park commissioner.

The correspondence, memos, and reports topics included 1987-88: ice parks, Central River and Great River Road, shared parking, Aquatennial water fountains, high rise apartment buildings, Heritage Tree Lists, no left turns on Dean Parkway, walking/running vs. bicycling paths, Thomas Lowry Park, water studies; 1989: teen walks, regional pathways, Cedar Lake Park and trail report, crabapple tree planting, mall between Hennepin and Lake of the Isles, Calhoun Beach apartments, master plan for connecting city and regional parks, Minneapolis Institute of Arts admission; 1990: legislative session summary report, Lake Harriet Band Shell award; 1991: East Harriet Farmstead, Central Park gymnasium; 1992: Cedar Lake Park draft papers, Twin Cities osprey reintroduction program, ice skating rink hours, plan of the park system in 2002, and costs on the seasonal summary report of the recreational centers; 1993: lake water quality management, Park Board Nudity Ordinance, Park employees, Lake Calhoun Fish Advisory report and a preliminary draft of the vision for parks in the next 100 years; 1994-95: the Thomas Lowry Park Design.

The specific publications in this collection are Land Policy, 1969, Minneapolis Sculpture Garden, and the Robert Saddler Bird Sanctuary. Also included in the collection is Baker's work on the Governors Mansion, 1980-1981, her work on the 1988 U.S. Women's Amateur Cup held at the Minikahda Golf Course, a family photo, and an aerial view of Lake Calhoun's northwest end.

Box 1: Seventeen folders and one bound book. This box includes biographical information, address book, correspondence 1985-1995, Park Board publications.

Box 2: Ten folders. This box is memorandums and reports regarding the Minneapolis Park Board, 1987-1995.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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Related Materials

Related Materials

See also Special Collections Minneapolis Collection vertical subject files under Parks: Minneapolis Park Board and see periodicals *Weekly Highlights* (published by the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board).

Controlled Access Headings

Subject(s)

- Parks -- Minnesota -- Minneapolis.
- Parkways -- Minnesota -- Minneapolis.

Collection Inventory

	Box	Folder
Biographical information	1	1
Baker's address book circa 1990	1	2
Historian/curator internship at the governor's mansion for the Minnesota Historical Society 1980-1981	1	3
Photographs	1	4
Correspondence 1985	1	5
Correspondence 1986	1	6
Correspondence 1987	1	7
Correspondence 1988	1	8
Correspondence 1989	1	9
Correspondence 1990	1	10
Correspondence 1991	1	11

Correspondence 1992	1	12
Correspondence 1993	1	13
Correspondence 1994	1	14
Correspondence 1995	1	15
Minikahda Club: US Women's Amateur Cup 1988	1	16
Minneapolis Park Board publications	1	17
Memorandums and Reports 1987	2	1
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Memorandums and Reports 1989	2	4
Memorandums and Reports 1990	2	5
Memorandums and Reports 1991	2	6
Memorandums and Reports 1992	2	7
Memorandums and Reports 1993	2	8

Memorandums and Reports - Budget Issues 1993	2	9
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Memorandums and Reports 1994-1995	2	10
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