

# **Kenwood Park Neighborhood Center Collection**

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository</b>	James K. Hosmer Special Collections Library
<b>Creator</b>	Kenwood Park Citizens Planning Committee.
<b>Title</b>	Kenwood Park Neighborhood Center Collection
<b>Date</b>	1979-1985
<b>Extent</b>	0.21 Linear feet
<b>Language</b>	English

## History

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The Kenwood Park Neighborhood Center was a contentious and controversial construction project that met both significant opposition and support from Kenwood residents in the planning stages from 1979-1983. Opposition came in the form of a lawsuit against the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB) and the City of Minneapolis by Kenwood residents Charleen Bacigalupo, Michael Bress, and Betty Lillehei. Support came in the form of a Kenwood Park Citizens Planning Committee, which also consisted of Kenwood residents. Eventually, the proposed plan won out in 1983, due to majority neighborhood support and financial difficulties for opposition in courts. The Kenwood Park Neighborhood Center was completed in 1984.

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## Description of the Collection

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The collection includes newspaper clippings, petitions, correspondence, proposals, news releases, statements, programs, MPRB Capital Improvement Program, 1981-1985 and minutes from various meetings. The newspaper clippings discuss the proposed plans, controversy, and beginning of construction. The correspondence, news releases, proposals, petitions, statements, programs and capital improvement plan give vivid detail of the back and forth dialogue and controversy between the City of Minneapolis, the MPRB, and Kenwood residents.

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## Administrative Information

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### Publication Information

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### Donor

The materials date from 1979-1985 and were given by Rhoda Lewin, a Kenwood Park Citizens Planning Committee member.

## **Controlled Access Headings**

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### **Corporate Name(s)**

- Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board.

### **Geographic Name(s)**

- Kenwood Neighborhood (Minneapolis, Minn.)
- Kenwood Park (Minneapolis, Minn.)

### **Subject(s)**

- Parks -- Minnesota -- Minneapolis.

## Collection Inventory

	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
Newspaper clippings	1	1
Correspondence, petitions 1980-1982	1	2
Correspondence, meeting minutes, proposals 1979-1983	1	3
Correspondence, programs, fact sheets 1979-1984	1	4
Correspondence, proposals, news releases, meeting minutes 1979-1981	1	5
MPRB Capital Improvement Program 1981-1985	1	6