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Introduction to the Collection

David R. Carr, professor of History at USF St. Petersburg, served as a member of St. Petersburg's comprehensive plan review committee during the early and mid-1980s. He participated in discussions and reviewed drafts of various elements of the city's comprehensive plan. Carr donated his working papers and files to special collections at the Poynter Library.

Under the Local Government Comprehensive Planning Act, Florida law required municipalities to update elements of comprehensive plans every five years. During the early 1980s, the eighteen elements addressed by the city of St. Petersburg's comprehensive plan included: Land Use, Traffic Circulation, Recreation and Open Space, Conservation, Water, Sewer, Drainage, Solid Waste, Utility, Collector Street, Port and Aviation, Mass Transit, Bikeway, Housing, Coastal Zone, Intergovernmental Cooperation, Economic, and Energy. The bulk of the materials in this collection include drafts, reports, and memoranda that address the elements.

An examination of the comprehensive plan working files allows the researcher to understand the philosophy and practices of the city's government during the late 1970s through the mid-1980s. Members reviewed policies and plans established in the 1970s, proposed amendments, and addressed issues of citywide significance during their deliberations. The drafts and reports provide a record of how city entities in St. Petersburg interacted with other cities, Pinellas County, and state officials through interlocal agreements. Detailed surveys include statistical information about St. Petersburg and various aspects of life in southern Pinellas County.

This collection offers a snapshot of the issues facing St. Petersburg as city officials embarked on major redevelopment programs along the waterfront, downtown, and in targeted areas and districts (including the "Gas Plant" district, now site of Tropicana Field, as well as Central Plaza, Sixteenth Street South, and Fourth Street).

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Provenance of the Comprehensive Plan Working Files Collection

This collection falls under the Local and Regional History provenance of the Special Collections and Archives department, Nelson Poynter Memorial Library, USF St. Petersburg.

Scope and Contents

The contents occupy two archival boxes (approximately 0.90 linear foot). No restrictions inhibit access to this collection.

Container Listing

Box 1

- Folder 1** **Comprehensive Plan: General Memoranda**
Includes a timetable for updating elements of the City of St. Petersburg's comprehensive plan between March 1982 and April 1986.
- Folder 2** **Central Business Zoning Districts**
Materials distributed at workshops in 1986.
- Folder 3** **Central Plaza/Times Square Shopping Center Development**
Materials related to shopping centers in areas that had suffered from economic downturns.
- Folder 4** **Commercial Parkway Zoning District, including Gateway**
Folder 5 **Comprehensive Plan: Coastal Zone Management Element**
Comprehensive Plan: Intergovernmental Cooperation Element
"Evaluation and Appraisal Report for the Coastal Zone Management Element"
"Evaluation and Appraisal Report for the Intergovernmental Coordination Element"
Memoranda
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"Conservation Element of the Comprehensive Plan"
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"Economic Development Element: Evaluation and Appraisal Report"
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"Housing Element: Evaluation and Appraisal Report"
Proposed Adult Congregate Living Facility ordinance, 1982
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"The Land Use Element: Executive Summary"
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Comprehensive Plan: Bikeway Element
"Evaluation and Appraisal Report for the Bikeway Element"
"Mass Transit Element: Evaluation and Appraisal Report"
Memoranda
- Folder 11** **Comprehensive Plan: Recreation and Open Space Element**
Map, "Parkland, City of St. Petersburg," November 1980
"Recreation/Open Space Element: Summary Document"
"Recreation and Open Space Element of the Comprehensive Plan"
- Folder 12** **Comprehensive Plan: Sewer Element**
Comprehensive Plan: Water Element

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Comprehensive Plan: Solid Waste Element
Comprehensive Plan: Utility Element

Box 2

-] Folder 1 **Comprehensive Plan: Traffic Circulation Element**
 “The Traffic Circulation Element”
 “The Traffic Circulation Element: Executive Summary”
 “Update of Traffic in the Tyrone Area”
- Folder 2 **Fourth Street Study**
 “Fourth Street Study,” 13 December 1985
- Folder 3 **Gateway Centre Redevelopment**
- Folder 4 **Growth Management Act of 1985**
- Folder 5 **Industrial Park Zoning Districts**
 Includes memoranda, reports, and amendments, 1983-1986
- Folder 6 **Land Use Plan: The Gas Plant Plan**
 Memoranda and research outlining redevelopment plans for the
 “Gas Plant” neighborhood, an area generally covering the site of
 Tropicana Field and parking lots to the east of the stadium.
- Folder 7 **Marine Development**
 Includes a 1981 “Marina Development Study” made by the city.
- Folder 8 **Report on Maintaining and Protecting Preservation Areas**
 Documents from January and March 1984.
- Folder 9 **Sixteenth Street South Redevelopment Plan**
 Contains a comprehensive report from the summer of 1983 that
 addresses the need for revitalization of commercial entities along
 Sixteenth Street in St. Petersburg.
- Folder 10 **Solar Access Protection Project**
- Folder 11 **Waterfront Parks**
 Materials from 1984-1985 that discuss waterfront parks along the
 St. Petersburg coastline.
- Folder 12 **Zoning**
 Meeting minutes, memoranda, and planning documents.
- Folder 13 **Zoning Ordinance Supplements**