

Finding Aid to the Concord Planning, Growth and Development Collection

Descriptive Summary

Title: Concord Planning, Growth and Development Collection

Date Range: 1980s – 2003

Collection number: [Accession 2005.9](#)

Extent: 11 boxes

Repository: County History Center, Contra Costa County Historical Society, 724 Escobar Street, Martinez, CA 94553, 925-229-1042

Legal status: public

Information for Researchers

Access: Collection is open for research.

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Scope and Content: The collection consists of papers, newspaper clippings, and audio tapes of public meetings, concerning the impacts of growth in the City of Concord and neighboring communities. The material was compiled by Marcus O'Connell, a Concord resident, civic watchdog and environmental activist. After O'Connell's death in 2003, his papers were donated to the Concord Historical Society. The Concord Historical Society in turn donated the collection to the Contra Costa County Historical Society in 2005. Born in Montana, Marcus O'Connell moved to San Francisco in the 1960s and then moved to Concord in 1994. He unsuccessfully ran for Concord City Council in 2000.

Arrangement of Materials:

Box 1 (6 folders)

- File 1: Concord Neighborhood Alliance
- File 2: Hillside Development
- File 3: Redevelopment Plans and Grants
- File 4: Newhall Ranch (area planning)
- File 5: Olivera Crossing (shopping center)
- File 6: Urban Limit Line 1998

Box 2 Clippings #1 (4 folders)

- File 1: Clippings January-March 2000 (variety of topics)
- File 2: Clippings April-June 2000 (variety of topics)
- File 3: Clippings July-December 2000 (variety of topics)
- File 4: Clippings 1997 (real estate development)

Box 3 Clippings, General (10 folders)

File 1: Concord: Redevelopment
File 2: Crystyl Ranch Fire station
File 3: Growth & Development
File 4: Clippings—General 1995 & 1997
File 5: Clippings—General 1998
File 6: Clippings—General 2001
File 7: Clippings—General 2002
File 8: Trails and Open Space Planning
File 9: Concord Naval Weapons Station
File 10: Air Quality

Box 4 Traffic & Transportation/Biodiversity/Economic Partnership (6 folders)

File 1: Traffic and transportation issues
File 2: BART Pleasant Hill Station
File 3: Pittsburg-Bay Point BART Station Area Specific Plan
File 4: County Bio-Diversity
File 5: Brochures
File 6: Economic Partnership 1998

Box 5 CCC General Plan/ABAG/Delta Crier Antioch (8 folders and some loose items)

File 1: Greenbelt Alliance (newsletters, brochures and reports on local development issues)
File 2: Jerry Thompson (correspondence between Marcus O'Connell and Concord resident Jerry Thompson on local issues)
File 3: Contra Costa Geology
File 4: ABAG (Assoc. Bay Area Govts)
File 5: CCC Planning Commission
File 6: Delta Crier (copies of articles from newspaper Aug.-Dec. 2001)
File 7: Wal-Mart (Concord)
File 8: Concord Redevelopment
Loose: Copies of newsletters on Mt. Diablo issues, and a report on Concord cultural issues

Box 6 Growth Plans and Studies (4 folders)

File 1: Stanford University Study
File 2: Growth Plans and Studies
File 3: General Plan Housing Element 2002
File 4: General Plan Housing Element 2002

Box 7 Concord Naval Weapons Station (6 folders)

File 1: Concord Naval Weapons Station
File 2: Naval Weapons Station--Toxics
File 3: Naval Weapons Station--Warehouse Proposal
File 4: Naval Weapons Station--Petitions Against Warehouse Proposal
File 5: Naval Weapons Station--Reuse and Restoration
File 6: Naval Weapons Station--Environmental Assessment

Box 8 Concord Audio Tapes #1 (55 cassette tapes)

Fifty-five (55) cassette tapes of public meetings in Concord on a variety of topics from 1997 to 2003.

There is no visible damage to the tapes but their playability is unknown. Meetings include:

ALUC (Airport Land Use Commission)

BART

CNWS (Concord Naval Weapons Station)

Concord Parks and Recreation

Crystyl Ranch Fire Station

Dana Estates

Design Review Board

Dublin Initiative

JFK University

Reuse Advisory Board (for Concord Naval Weapons Station)

Shaping Our Future

Tassajara Valley Forum

Various neighborhood meetings

Box 9 Concord Audio Tapes #2 (57 cassette tapes)

Fifty-seven (57) cassette tapes of public meetings in Concord and Clayton on a variety of topics from 1998 to 2003. There is no visible damage to the tapes but their playability is unknown. Meetings include:

Clayton City Council

Concord City Council

Concord Planning Commission

Concord Recreation and Cultural Affairs

Infrastructure and Finance

Redevelopment Strategic Plan

Summit Center

Various neighborhood meetings

Box 10 Newspaper Clippings on Concord Development (7 folders)

File 1: 1959-1969

File 2: 1970-73

File 3: 1974-80

File 4: 1981-84

File 5: 1985-86

File 6: 1987-90

File 7: 1991-2000

Box 11 Quarry And General Plans (7 folders)

File 1: Antioch Planning Issues

File 2: Brentwood Planning Issues

File 3: Clayton General Plan

File 4: Clayton Quarry #1

File 5: Clayton Quarry #2

File 6: 1991 County General Plan (portions, photocopied)

File 7: 1998 Pittsburg General Plan (sketch plans, photocopied)

Indexing terms: Air quality, conservation, Concord Naval Weapons Station, economic outlook, environmental issues, growth, housing, land development, local government, open space, planning, redevelopment, traffic studies, trails, transportation.