

Mary Margaret Langdon Papers 1966-1997

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Biographical History

Mary Margaret (Megs) Mitchell was born in Chicago, IL on June 16, 1918. She graduated from Immaculata High School, received her BA degree from Mundelein College in 1940, and did graduate work at Loyola University Chicago. Mary Margaret married John F. Langdon, a former Vice President for Admissions at Loyola University Chicago, in 1944. In 1968, she became the first woman to be named to the Chicago Plan Commission and was its longest tenured member, serving under six mayors. Mary Margaret became Director of the Community Programs Office at Loyola University Chicago in 1977, a position she held until she retired shortly before her death on October 7, 1993.

Langdon was active in the Rogers Park and Edgewater communities, and her community activism led her to participate in several committees including: Chicago Planning Committee, St. Joseph Hospital Executive Advisory Committee, Loyola University Women's Board, Rogers

Park Community Council and several subcommittees including the Parking Committee and Chicago Crime Commission. She was chairman of several committees including Steering Committee 24th District Chicago Police Department, Loyola University Urban Concerns Committee and Mundelein College Development Fund.

She received numerous awards throughout her career including Loyola University Founders' Day Civic Award, Mundelein College Silver Jubilee Apostolic Award, 1985 Citizen of the Year (with her husband) from the Rogers Park Community Council, General Assembly Merit Award 1987 from the Illinois House of Representatives, and an honorary membership from St. Joseph Health Care Foundation. Loyola University Chicago created the Megs Langdon Person for Community Award, given annually to a university staff member.

Megs Langdon died on October 7, 1993. In 2005, Albion Park was renamed Mary Margaret Langdon Park as part of an effort by the Chicago Park District Board of Commissioners to recognize the contributions of Chicago women.

Scope and Content

The following records have been divided into four series, some with multiple subseries.

Series 1: Chicago Planning Commission Materials Boxes, 1979-1996, undated, Boxes 1-5

This series contains materials related to the Chicago Planning Commission (CPC). It has been divided into four subseries.

Subseries 1.1: CPC Comprehensive Plans & Goals, 1980-1991

This subseries contains materials relating to CPC briefing sessions as well as goals and policies.

Subseries 1.2: CPC General Administrative Activities, 1981-1991, undated

This subseries contains materials reflecting administrative activities and include hearing notices, meeting minutes, meeting agendas, annual reports, member list, and by-laws.

Subseries 1.3: Development Projects, 1979-1991, undated

This subseries contains information pertaining to development projects. Materials include for example, Development Guidelines, CPC resolutions, public testimony, CPC meeting notes, and Public Ordinances. Development Projects include for example the Circulator Project, the Golf Dome Project, Navy Pier, Lake Shore Drive Reconstruction, and Central Station Development.

Subseries 1.4: Parking Committee Materials, 1984-1996, undated

This subseries contains materials related to the activities of the Parking Committee. Materials include, for example, Parking Policy, Round Table Discussions, and Letters to the Parking Committee.

Series 2: City of Chicago Departments, General, 1977-1991, undated, Box 6

This series contains materials from departments within the government City of Chicago other than the Chicago Planning Commission. Departments include the Department of Planning, Department of Housing, and Chicago Crime Commission.

Series 3: Publications, 1978-1993, undated, Box 7

This series contains published materials regarding general neighborhood development and planning concerns.

Series 4: Oversize Materials, 1966, undated, Box 8

This series contains oversize materials including photographs of development sites and publications.

Subjects:

Chicago
Chicago—Airports
Chicago—Central Station
Chicago—Comprehensive Plan of Chicago
Chicago—Cultural Plan
Chicago—Department of Economic Development
Chicago—Department of Housing
Chicago—Development Office
Chicago—Development Plan
Chicago—Lake Shore Drive
Chicago—Lakefront
Chicago—Mayor's Neighborhood Forum
Chicago—Michigan Avenue / Magnificent Mile
Chicago—Navy Pier
Chicago—Park District
Chicago—Parking
Chicago—Planning Commission
Chicago—Sheridan Road
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Box	Folder	Title	Dates
		<i>Mary Margaret Langdon Papers, 1966-1997</i>	
		Series 1: Chicago Planning Commission Materials, 1979-1996, undated	
		Subseries 1.1: CPC Comprehensive Plans & Goals, 1980-1991	
1	1	Chicago Planning Committee (CPC Comprehensive Plan) - Briefing Session	1980
1	2	CPC Comprehensive Plan - Briefing Session	1980
1	3	CPC Comprehensive Plan - Briefing Session	1980
1	4	CPC Comprehensive Plan - Briefing Session	1980
1	5	CPC Comprehensive Plan - Briefing Session	1980
1	6	CPC Comprehensive Plan - Briefing Session	1980
1	7	CPC Comprehensive Plan - Briefing Session	1980
1	8	CPC Comprehensive Plan - Briefing Session	1980
1	9	CPC Comprehensive Plan - Briefing Session	1980

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1	10	CPC Comprehensive Plan - Briefing Session	1991
1	11	CPC Comprehensive Plan - Briefing Session	1991
1	12	CPC Comprehensive Plan - Briefing Session	1981
1	13	CPC Comprehensive Plan - Briefing Session	1981
1	14	CPC Comprehensive Plan CPC Goals and Policies (1 of 5)	1980
1	15	CPC Comprehensive Plan CPC Goals and Policies (2 of 5)	1980
2	1	CPC Comprehensive Plan CPC Goals and Policies (3 of 5)	1980
2	2	CPC Comprehensive Plan CPC Goals and Policies (4 of 5)	1980
2	3	CPC Comprehensive Plan CPC Goals and Policies (5 of 5)	1980
		Subseries 1.2: CPC General Administrative Activities, 1981-1991, undated	
2	4	Chicago: A Look at the 1980s	undated
2	5	Newsletter promoting Chicago's New Comprehensive Plan through a series of eight public hearings	1981
2	6	Memo regarding public hearing	1981
2	7	Comprehensive Plan Public Hearing: Review Materials	1981
2	8	Time Plan and to do List for Comprehensive Plan	1982
2	9	Comprehensive Plan and Goal Policy Revision	1982
2	10	Testimony regarding Comprehensive Plan	1982
2	11	Draft for Introduction regarding Goals and Policies Chapter in <u>Chicago</u> 1982	1982
2	12	Drafts/Revision of By-Laws of Chicago Comprehensive Plan	1983
2	13	Chicago Development Plan	1984
2	14	Historical Description of Planning Department	1985
2	15	Chicago Plan Commission – Activities of Development Office	1986
2	16	Agenda	1986
2	17	Notice of Public Hearing	1986
2	18	Chicago Planning Commission - Member List	1986
2	19	Time Card Development Profile	undated
2	20	Meeting Agenda	1987
2	21	Proposed Landscape Ordinances – Drafts	1990
2	22	Hearing Notice to establish “City of Chicago Special Service Area No. 12	1990
2	23	Comprehensive Plan Draft	1990
2	24	Chicago Planning Commission Annual Report	1991-1992
2	25	CPC Minutes	1991
2	26	CPC Tentative	1991
		Subseries 1.3: Development Projects, 1979-1991, undated	
3	1	Development of 1313 W. Touhy Avenue Related documents	1979
3	2	Petition to CPC to continue regarding Magnificent Mile Partnership	1980
3	3	River City	1980
3	4	Correspondence regarding purchase of Dunning Site	1981
3	5	Near North side of Chicago	1981-1983

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		The Greater North Michigan Avenue Association Regarding redesign of Lake Shore Drive	
3	6	Lake Shore Drive Reconstruction Related Materials	1984
3	7	Near South Linkage Study Zones	1984
3	8	Materials regarding Chicago's Lakefront	1986
3	9	Report on the McCormick Place Expansion Project	1990
3	10	181 E. Lakeshore Drive: Shadow Track Studies	1993
3	11	Trammel Crow Company Plan Submission for development of LaSalle/Monroe	undated
3	12	West Town Center	undated
3	13	Presidents Plaza O'Hare	undated
3	14	Description of Circulator Project	undated
3	15	Central Area Circulator Project: Status Report	1990
3	16	Ordinance Announcement regarding Circulator Project	1990
3	17	Transit Brief: Central Area Circulator Update	1990
3	18	CPC Regarding Circulator Project materials	1991-1992
3	19	Summary of Ordinances regarding Circulator Project	undated
3	20	Golf Dome Chronology of Hearings	1988-1990
3	21	Report to CPC and resolution denying Golf Dome	1990-1991
3	22	Application to CPC from Part District for Golf Dome	1990
3	23	Golf Dome Proposal	1990-1991
3	24	Navy Pier Reconstruction Program	1990
3	25	Concept Plan for Navy Program	undated
3	26	Navy Pier/Turning Basin Briefing Session	1991
3	27	Letters in response to Navy Pier/ Turning Basin Development Guidelines	1991
3	28	Petitions regarding development of 6151 N. Sheridan Road	1990
3	29	Administrative Materials regarding 6151 N. Sheridan Road	1990
3	30	Public Testimony regarding 6151 Development	1990
3	31	Analysis of Property on Sheridan Road	1990
4	1	Chicago's River Urban Design Guidelines Downtown Corridor	1990
4	2	Chicago River Urban Design related materials	1990
4	3	Chicago River Urban Design related materials	1990
4	4	Revised Guidelines	1990
4	5	Written Comments Received regarding Chicago River Urban Design Guidelines	1990
4	6	Testimony regarding Central Station	1987
4	7	Statement to CPC regarding Central Parking Area	1987
4	8	Central Station Development Guidelines Draft for Public Review	1989
4	9	Notes from Metropolitan Planning Council Regarding Central Station Guidelines	1990
4	10	Central Station Development Guidelines	1990
4	11	Report on Central Station Development Guidelines	1990

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4	12	Revised Central Station – Testimony	1990
4	13	Testimony regarding Central Station Development	1990
4	14	Development changes in Central Station	1990
4	15	Recommended changes in revised draft of Central Station Development Guidelines	1990
4	16	Notes from Meeting regarding Central Station Development	1990
4	17	Special CPC meeting and Agenda regarding Central Station Development	1990
4	18	Meeting Transcript	1990
4	19	Central Station Development Guidelines	1990
4	20	Revisions to Central Station Development Guidelines	1990
4	21	CPC Report regarding Central Station	1990
4	22	Central Station Guidelines – Written Citizen Comments	1990
4	23	Resolutions regarding Central Station	1990
		Subseries 1.4: Parking Committee, 1984-1996, undated	
5	1	CPC Parking Committee General Materials	1984-1988
5	2	Parking Committee Related Documents	1987
5	3	Parking Policy for Central Area: Parking Committee	1997
5	4	Parking Structure at Adams/Wabash	1987
5	5	Memorandum Regarding Public Hearing Draft Report	1988
5	6	Round Table Discussion related materials	1988
5	7	Round Table Discussion related materials	1988
5	8	Draft of downtown parking policies for committee discussion	1988
5	9	Public comments on Downtown Parking	1988
5	10	Statements to CPC Parking Committee	1988
5	11	Letters to CPC	1988
5	12	Downtown Parking Policies: Revised Draft for Committee Discussion	1988
5	13	Chicago Central Area Parking Policy: Background Report	1996
5	14	Parking Committee Materials	undated
		Series 2: City of Chicago Departments, General, 1977-1991, undated	
6	1	Department of Planning: Budget message and related documents	1985
6	2	Report to CPC	1990
6	3	Materials regarding zoning ordinance	1991
6	4	“A Plan for Industry on Goose Island”	1991
6	5	Materials regarding national award for River Guidelines – Citation of Excellence	1991
6	6	Department of Housing: A Citizen’s Guide to the Department of Housing	undated
6	7	Amendment 5 to Englewood Conservation Plan	1991
6	8	Chicago Crime Commission Related Materials	1983-1984
6	9	The Chicago Works Book: Department of Economic Development	undated
6	10	Division of Water Resources related materials	1989

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6	11	"Chicago: A City at the Financial Crossroads" A Report by the Financial Planning Committee	1986
6	12	Capital Improvement Plan	1977-1981
6	13	<i>Chicago Economic Update</i> (3 issues)	1990
6	14	Annual Report – Chicago Urban Transit District	1982
6	15	Mayor's Neighborhood Forum Report Roger's Park	1986
6	16	Library Center Briefing Book	1987
6	17	<i>The Habitat Company</i> (Exhibit Book)	1991
		Series 3: Publications, 1978-1993, undated	
7	1	Collection of Newsletters: "Conserve Neighborhoods"	1978-1979
7	2	Urban Policy Notes: Loyola University Chicago Center for Urban Policy Newsletters	1979
7	3	A step-by-step guide to Neighborhood Improvement Projects New York Self Help Handbook	undated
7	4	Commitments: A Guide to Community Involvement and Programs George Washington University	1978
7	5	Illinois Hospital Association: Annual Report	1985
7	6	Funding Changes and the management of non-profit organizations Case Studies of three events reliant community organizations	1990
7	7	Oxidants in the Urban Atmosphere: Illinois Institute for Environmental Quality	1975
7	8	News Article regarding EPA Regulations	1987
7	9	Joint EPRI/EPA Symposium on Stationary Combustion	1987
7	10	Chicago Rehab Network Newsletter	1979
7	11	Chicago Magazine "The River: Reclaiming our lost resource"	1979
7	12	Housing Finance Manual	1981-1982
7	13	Talman House Federal Savings and Loan Association Housing Finance Manual and related documents	1982
7	14	Chicago Industrial Bulletin	1984, 1986
7	15	<i>Chicago Rehabber</i>	1982
7	16	<i>Chicago Enterprise</i>	1991
7	17	<i>Chicago Enterprise</i>	1992
7	18	<i>Chicago Enterprise</i>	1993
7	19	Newspaper articles on lakeshore erosion	1986, undated
		Series 4: Oversize Materials, 1966, undated	
8	1	Chicago Cultural Plan	[1986]
8	2	Chicago Dock: Equitable Venture – and related documents	undated
8	3	One Magnificent Mile – Profile	undated
8	4	The Comprehensive Plan of Chicago	1966
8	5	South Loop New Town: Guidelines for Development	undated
8	6	Photograph and Generated Images of Brickyard Development Projects	[1972]

