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## Collection Overview

AccessNo: AR.Z.020 Creator: Arnold, Mary  
Title: Mary Arnold Papers  
Start Date: 1984 End Date: 1989 Bulk Dates:  
Status: Initial Inventory Donor No: DO/1990/008  
Linear Feet: 22.00 Digital Size GB: 0.00 Box Count: 22  
Location: Faulk - 3rd floor Access: Advance notice required  
Persons: Arnold, Mary, 1935-  
Organizations: Austin (Tex.). Parks and Recreation Board; Austin (Tex.). Planning Commission  
Subjects: Municipal government--Texas--Austin; Executive advisory bodies--Texas--Austin; Zoning--Texas--Austin; City planning--Texas--Austin  
Places: Austin (Tex.)--Politics and government  
Formats: Text materials  
Text Types: correspondence, minutes/agendas, reports  
Photo Types:  
Video/Audio Types:  
Collection: Archives & Manuscripts RecordCreationDate:

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Arrangement

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Box/Folder

Record

Parks and Recreation Board (2 in.)

Agenda

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| 1/1 | Nov. 27, 1984 |
| 1/2 | Dec. 18, 1984 |

Planning Commission (21 ft., 10 in.)

Agenda

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|---------|----------------|
| 1/3     | Sept. 18, 1984 |
| 1/4-5   | Oct. 9, 1984   |
| 1/6-7   | Nov. 20, 1984  |
| 1/8-9   | Dec. 4, 1984   |
| 1/10-13 | Dec. 18, 1984  |
| 1/14-16 | Jan. 8, 1985   |
| 2/1-2   | Jan. 15, 1985  |
| 2/3-5   | Jan. 22, 1985  |
| 2/6-8   | Jan. 29, 1985  |
| 2/9     | Feb. 5, 1985   |
| 2/10-11 | Feb. 12, 1985  |
| 3/1-2   | Feb. 19, 1985  |
| 3/3     | Mar. 5, 1985   |
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| 3/7     | Mar. 19, 1985  |
| 3/8-10  | Mar. 26, 1985  |
| 3/11-12 | Apr. 2, 1985   |
| 4/1-2   | Apr. 9, 1985   |
| 4/3     | Apr. 16, 1985  |
| 4/4-5   | Apr. 30, 1985  |
| 4/6-8   | May 7, 1985    |
| 4/9-10  | May 14, 1985   |
| 4/11    | May 21, 1985   |
| 4/12    | May 28, 1985   |
| 4/13-14 | June 4, 1985   |

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5/3-4	June 11, 1985
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5/9-10	July 16, 1985
6/1-3	July 23, 1985
6/4-5	Aug. 6, 1985
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6/7-8	Aug. 20, 1985
6/9-10	Aug. 27, 1985
6/11-12	Sept. 3, 1985
7/1-2	Sept. 10, 1985
7/3-4	Sept. 24, 1985
7/5-6	Oct. 1, 1985
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8/14-15	Dec. 10, 1985
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9/4-6	Jan. 7, 1986
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22/17	May 3, 1989
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22/20-22	May 23, 1989
22/23	May 30, 1989

22/24-25                   **Miscellaneous**

## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Born on June 4, 1935, Mary Margaret Miller Arnold attended Highland Park High in Dallas, Texas. She earned her bachelor's degree in Plan II at the University of Texas at Austin in 1956. She returned to UT to receive her master's degree in government between 1958 and 1962.

While attending the University's School of Public Affairs, she was employed as a research associate in state and local governments. During the spring of 1959, Mrs. Arnold worked with the Texas Legislature.

After returning to Austin from Houston in 1965, Mrs. Arnold became increasingly involved in community service. In 1973, she assisted in preserving the municipal golf course near the Brackenridge Tract in West Austin. Her first official position was as a commissioner on the Parks and Recreation Board from August 1978 to December 1984. During this time, she was vital in passing the Parkland Dedication ordinance. She was then appointed to the Planning Commission in December 1984 and served in that capacity until June 1989. During her stay on the Planning Commission, Mrs. Arnold served as Chairperson for a number of years and was instrumental in the development of AustinPlan. She has also been active in the West Austin Neighborhood Group.

## SCOPE AND CONTENT

The Mary Arnold Papers, 1984-1989 (approx. 22 linear feet), document her service on both the Austin Parks and Recreation Board and the Austin Planning Commission. The bulk of the collection consists of Planning Commission printed agenda materials from September 1984 through May 1989. The smaller portion of the collection consists of Parks and Recreation Board printed agenda materials from November and December 1984. Agenda materials include requests to appear before commission, correspondence, technical reports, site plans, public opinions, proposed zoning changes, construction proposals and other information relating to construction projects.

Arrangement of the collection begins with the Parks and Recreation Board agendas in sequence by date. Following are the Planning Commission agendas also in sequence by date. The final section contains miscellaneous Planning Commission material. Documents in the miscellaneous section are mostly undated and unidentified agenda items.

Although the Planning Commission agendas are cataloged in the general collection of the Austin History Center marked as "A 352.96 AuP693m," the decision to retain this bulk of agendas as a separate collection was based on the fact that they are so heavily annotated. Mrs. Arnold included many hand-written questions, issues and statements directly on the agenda items themselves.

A total of 186 items were separated and included mostly technical reports and other City of Austin produced documents. Planning Commission minutes were separated due to the lack of any notations.

This collection perhaps is most interesting and important due to its documentation of the "boom" and "bust" in Austin development during the 1980s. The massive amounts of proposed construction projects during the early-to-mid 1980s included in this collection represent the increased interest in the Austin real estate market. consequently, as the Texas economy "busted" in the mid-to-late 1980s, so did real estate development as evidenced in this collection.

## SEPARATED ITEMS

The following items have been separated from this collection for easier access or the lack of historical importance within the collection. For a more complete description of an item separated, consult the Separation Sheet in the appropriate box/folder from which the item was removed.

Box/Folder	Item Removed	Disposition
1/1	"Appraisal of Proposal for the Creation of a Highland Lakes Authority"	General Collection
1/1	"PARD,"	Periodicals
1/1	"The Medallion"	Periodicals
1/1	"Parks Maintenance and Grounds Management"	Discarded
1/3	"Shadowridge Crossing Section One, Variance Requests Documentation"	General Collection
1/5	"Traffic Impact Analysis of the Riverside Office Building"	General Collection
1/7	Fern Bluff Municipal Utility District, Preliminary Engineering Report"	General Collection
1/9	"Traffic Impact Analysis for North Lamar Retail"	General Collection
2/9	City Council Agenda	General Collection
3/7	City Council Agenda	General Collection
3/12	"Traffic Impact Analysis: Riverside Business Park"	General Collection
4/2	"Shared Parking Analysis: Traffic Impact Analysis"	General Collection
4/8	City Council Agenda	General Collection
5/7	"Traffic Impact Analysis for Barton Creek West Site"	General Collection
5/8	"OLDS News"	Periodicals
5/8	"Proposed Amendments to the Creek Ordinance"	General Collection
6/3	"Vaught Road Professional Building"	General Collection
6/3	"City of Austin Standards for Floodplain Modifications"	General Collection
6/5	"Traffic Impact Analysis: Riverside Business Park"	General Collection
7/4	"Lemens Spicewood Traffic Input Analysis"	General Collection
9/7	"OLDS News"	Periodicals
9/7	"City Planning Commission, City of Austin, Rules and	General Collection

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9/12	(cont)Regulations"	
	"The Cunningham Tract:	General Collection
10/5	Traffic Impact Analysis"	General Collection
	"Sub-Basin Wastewater Plan:	
	Loop 360/South Lamar Area"	
10/5	"Ballet Austin Footnotes"	Periodicals
10/7	"Traffic Impact Analysis:	General Collection
	Walden Tract"	
10/7	"Traffic Impact Analysis:	General Collection
	Walden Tract, Addendum #1"	
10/7	"Communique"	Periodicals
10/7	"Mockingbird Hill Area Study"	General Collection
10/13	"Little Texas Lane Study	General Collection
	Update"	
10/13	City Council Agenda	General Collection
10/14	"American Planning	Discarded
	Association Texas Chapter	
	Newsletter"	
10/14	"Austin Contractors and	General Collection
	Engineers Association:	
	Membership Directory"	
10/14	ACEA loose items	AF
11/5	"Parking Analysis for	General Collection
	Proposed Nightclub"	
11/5	"Traffic Impact Analysis for	General Collection
	Zoning Case C14-86-025 for	
	St. Elmo Joint Venture	
11/12	"Franklin Savings	General Collection
	Association - Tarrytown	
	Branch, Austin, Texas"	
12/4	"Treemont Townhomes Planned	General Collection
	Unit Development"	
12/13	Brochure for Hidden Hills	AF
	on Lake Travis	
13/1	City Council Agenda	General Collection
13/4	City Council Agenda	General Collection
13/4	Brochure for Two Park Place	HB
13/8	"Affordable Housing Study to	General Collection
	the City of Austin"	
13/9	"Nuckols Crossing Mini-Study"	General Collection
13/14	City Council Agenda	General Collection
13/16	"Little Texas Lane Study	General Collection
	Update"	
13/17	"APA Texas Chapter Newsletter	Discarded
13/17	"Urban Land Institute Catalog	Discarded
	of Publications"	
13/17	"APA Texas/New Mexico	Discarded
	Regional Planning Conference"	
	brochure	
14/3	City Council Agenda	General Collection
14/3	Water and Wastewater	General Collection
	Commission Agenda	

<b>Box/Folder</b>	<b>Item Removed</b>	<b>Disposition</b>
14/3	"City Manager's Report to the City Council - Proposed Department of Transportation and Public Services"	Periodicals
14/5	"Mental Illness: Its Myths and Truths"	Discarded
14/8	"Traffic Impact Analysis - Treemont Development"	General Collection
14/14	"Austin Outline Planning Report"	Periodicals
15/4	"APA Texas Chapter Newsletter"	Discarded
15/4	City Council Agenda	General Collection
15/5	City Council Agenda	General Collection
15/5	"APA Texas Chapter Newsletter"	Discarded
15/5	"Westcreek Neighborhood News"	Periodicals
15/6	"Traffic Access Study for Austin's Colony Phase Two for Austin Colony Blvd"	General Collection
15/10	"Vantage Point"	HB
15/10	"Neighborhood News"	Periodicals
15/11	City Council Agenda	General Collection
15/11	"North Fork Crossing: Access Analysis"	General Collection
15/12	Planning Commission Minutes (3 copies)	General Collection
15/14	"ULI Professional Development Seminars"	Discarded
15/14	City Council Agenda	General Collection
16/2	"Center for Urban Policy Research Books"	Discarded
16/3	Planning Commission Minutes	General Collection
16/4	Planning Commission Minutes	General Collection
16/14	"Crestview Neighborhood Association Newsletter"	Periodicals
16/14	Planning Commission Minutes	General Collection
16/18	"APA Texas Chapter Newsletter"	Periodicals
16/18	"APA Texas Chapter Newsletter"	Periodicals
16/18	City Council Agenda	General Collection
16/18	Planning Commission Minutes	General Collection
16/22	"Westcreek Neighborhood News"	Periodicals
16/22	City Council Agenda	General Collection
16/22	Planning Commission Minutes	General Collection
16/23	AAS, 4/9/87, D 05	Discarded
16/23	City Council Agenda	General Collection
16/23	Water and Wastewater Commission Agenda	General Collection

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17/13	City Council Agenda	General Collection
17/16	"Preliminary Study of Zoning and Subdivision Changes Requested by St. Edwards University et al." (2 copies)	General Collection
18/4	City Council	General Collection
18/4	"APA Texas Chapter Newsletter"	Periodicals
18/9	"GMC Newsletter"	Periodicals
18/10	"Shared Parking Analysis: Cameron Oaks Plaza Shopping Center"	General Collection
18/11	"Preliminary Study of Zoning and Subdivision Changes Requested by St. Edwards University et al."	General Collection
18/11	"Rules Change for the 2nd Revision of the City of Austin Standard Specifications"	General Collection
18/13	"Balcones Civic Association Neighborhood Master Plan"	General Collection
18/13	"Balcones Civic Association Newsletter"	Periodicals
18/19	Water and Wastewater Commission Agenda	General Collection
18/19	City Council Agenda	General Collection
18/19	Planning Commission Minutes	General Collection
19/2	"Bryker Woods Medical Clinic"	General Collection
19/3	City Council Agenda	General Collection
19/5	City Council Agenda	General Collection
19/8	City Council Agenda	General Collection
19/8	"CUPR Book List"	Discarded
19/8	"Rostow View"	Discarded
19/8	"Planning"	Discarded
19/8	"APA Texas Chapter Newsletter"	Discarded
19/10	"Utilities Development Criteria Manual"	General Collection
19/15	"AustinPlan Update"	General Collection
19/16	Planning Commission Minutes	General Collection
19/17	City Council Agenda	General Collection
19/17	"Austin Outline"	Periodicals
19/19	Planning Commission Minutes	General Collection
19/22	City Council Agenda	General Collection
19/22	"Austin Outline"	Periodicals
19/23	"Austin Outline"	Periodicals
19/23	City Council Agenda	General Collection
19/26	City Council Agenda	General Collection
20/1	City Council Agenda	General Collection
20/3	"North Hills Town Center"	General Collection

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20/5	"Austin Outline"	Periodicals
20/7	"Austin Outline"	Periodicals
20/8	"Austin Outline"	Periodicals
20/8	"Open Record"	Periodicals
20/9	City Council Agenda	General Collection
20/10	"Austin Outline"	Periodicals
20/13	"Austin Outline"	Periodicals
20/15	City Council Agenda	General Collection
20/16	"Northeast Connection"	Periodicals
20/19	"Austin Outline"	Periodicals
20/20	City Council Agenda	General Collection
20/23	Water and Wastewater Commission Agenda	General Collection
20/23	City Council Agenda	General Collection
21/1	City Council Agenda	General Collection
21/1	"Northeast Connection"	Periodicals
21/7	"Lakeline"	General Collection
21/8	"Austin Outline"	Periodicals
21/11	Water and Wastewater Commission Agenda	General Collection
21/13	City Council Agenda	General Collection
21/13	"Austin Outline"	Periodicals
21/14	City Council Agenda	General Collection
21/14	"Austin Outline"	Periodicals
21/18	Planning Commission Minutes	General Collection
21/18	"Office of Land Development Services"	General Collection
21/19	"The Plane Truth"	Periodicals
21/21	City Council Agenda	General Collection
21/23	Water and Wastewater Commission Agenda	General Collection
22/4	"City Manager Report to the City Council - Habitat for Humanity Affordable Housing Proposal"	General Collection
22/5	City Council Agenda	General Collection
22/10	"3M Austin Center" brochure	AF
22/10	"Airport Noise and Land Use Planning"	Discarded
22/10	City Council Agenda	General Collection
22/17	"The Plane Truth"	Periodicals
22/19	"Watershed Development Ordinance of the Village of Lakeway, Texas"	General Collection
22/24	Planning Commission Minutes	General Collection
22/24	"Draft Report on Housing Policy initiatives"	General Collection
22/24	"Fernbluff Municipal Utility District No. 1"	General Collection
22/24	"LSST News"	Periodicals
22/24	"Newsweek," 2/13/84	Discarded