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METROPOLITAN COUNCIL

An Inventory of Its Communications/Telecommunications Program Records

OVERVIEW OF THE RECORDS

- Agency:** Metropolitan Council of the Twin Cities Area.
- Series Title:** Communications/telecommunications program records,
- Dates:** 1971-1985.
- Abstract:** Files documenting the council's communications/telecommunications program, mainly in the areas of cable television and telecommunications.
- Quantity:** 1.9 cu. ft. (2 boxes).
- Location:** 120.E.6.1B - 120.E.6.2F

SCOPE AND CONTENTS OF THE RECORDS

Agenda packets, minutes, reports, correspondence, memos, and subject files documenting the council's communications/telecommunications program, mainly in the areas of cable television and telecommunications. The cable television files deal with such topics as franchise ordinances, Citizens League, health data, and Minnesota Commission on Cable Communications rules; and include records of the Communications Advisory Committee, its predecessors, the Cable Television Advisory Committee and the Cable Communications Advisory Committee, and its Interconnection Subcommittee. The telecommunications files cover such topics as Channel 6, a 1984-1985 infrastructure study, and policy issues; and include the records of the Task Force on Regional Telecommunications.

ORGANIZATION OF THE RECORDS

- These records are organized into the following sections:
- Minutes and Agenda Materials, 1971-1978.
 - Subcommittee Files, 1972-1983.
 - Subject Files, 1971-1977.
 - Task Force on Regional Telecommunications, 1982-1985.

INDEX TERMS

These records are indexed under the following headings in the catalog of the Minnesota Historical Society. Researchers desiring materials about related topics, persons or places should search the catalog using these headings.

Topics:

Cable television--Minnesota--Twin Cities Metropolitan Area.
Metropolitan areas--Minnesota--Planning.
Metropolitan government--Minnesota--Twin Cities Metropolitan Area.
Planning.
Public utilities--Minnesota--Twin Cities Metropolitan Area.
Telecommunication--Minnesota--Twin Cities Metropolitan Area.
Telephone--Minnesota--Twin Cities Metropolitan Area.

Places:

Twin Cities Metropolitan Area (Minn.)--Politics and government.

Organizations:

Metropolitan Council of the Twin Cities Area. Communications Advisory Committee.
Metropolitan Council of the Twin Cities Area. Cable Television Advisory Committee.
Metropolitan Council of the Twin Cities Area. Cable Communications Advisory Committee.
Minnesota. Commission on Cable Communications.
Metropolitan Council of the Twin Cities Area. Task Force on Regional Telecommunications.
Citizens League (Minneapolis, Minn.).

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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State Archives.

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DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE RECORDS

Note to Researchers: To request materials, please note both the location and box numbers shown below.

Minutes and Agenda Materials, 1972-1978. 16 folders.

Minutes, agenda packets, and correspondence of the Council's Cable Television Advisory Committee (1971-1972), Cable Communications Advisory Committee (1974-1975), and Communications Advisory Committee (1976-1978).

Location	Box	Contents
102.E.6.1B	1	Minutes, 1972, 1974-1978. 4 folders. March - November 1972. 1974 - August 1975 (1975 scattered). 1976. 1977-1978. Agenda Packets and Correspondence, October 1971 - 1978. 12 folders.

Subcommittee Files, 1972-1983. 16 folders.

Minutes, agenda packets, and reports.

Location	Box	Contents
102.E.6.1B	1	Access Subcommittee, 1974. Districting Subcommittee, 1973-1974. Interconnection Subcommittee, 1972-1983. 7 folders: Minutes, 1972-1975. Minutes, May 1982-Sept. 1983 (scattered). Correspondence/memos, 1974. Report, August 1972. Regional Interconnection for Cable Communication and Other Broadband Services, Oct/Nov. 1974. Planning Interconnection Systems: Options for the Twin Cities Metropolitan Area, 1974. A Regional Report to Interconnection: Task Force Report, October 1982. Legislative Amendments Subcommittee, 1974. Metropolitan Demographic Studies Subcommittee, 1972. Public Channel Operation and Funding Subcommittee, 1972. Report of Cable Television Advisory Committee, November 30, 1972.
102.E.6.2F	2	Special Municipal Problems Subcommittee, 1972. Technical Subcommittee Report, May 1972. Telephone Subcommittee, 1977. Includes its report to the Metropolitan Council.

Subject Files, 1971-1977. 19 folders.

Location	Box	Contents
102.E.6.2F	2	Addresses, 1972. Cable TV Correspondence, 1973-1975. Cable TV Information Center Study Memos, 1973-1974. Citizens League Cable TV Committee, 1971-1972. Costs, ca. 1972. Detailed Use Descriptions, undated. 2 folders. Franchise Ordinance--Bloomington, 1971. Franchise Ordinance--Fridley, 1974. Fridley Cable Commission, 1975-1976. Humanizing Communications Technology, 1974. Impact of New Technologies and Lifestyles on Urban Development, 1975. Joint Program--Municipalities, 1972. Potential Area for Cable TV, 1972. Property Tax, 1972. Rules and Comments--Minnesota Commission of Cable Communications, 1974. 2 folders. "The Sound and the Frequency," 1977. Work Program, 1974.

Task Force on Regional Telecommunications, 1982-1985. 15 folders.

Location	Box	Contents
102.E.6.2F	2	Minutes, October 1983 - May 1984. Correspondence, October 1983 - December 1984. Subject Files, 1982-1985. 13 folders: Channel 6, 1983-1985. 2 folders. Hubert Humphrey Institute Project, 1983. Infrastructure Study, 1984-1985. 2 folders. Inter and Intra Departmental, 1984. March Telecommunications Forum, 1984. Metropolitan Community Development Committee, 1982-1985. Minnesota Telecommunications Council, 1984-1985. Miscellaneous, 1984-1985. Policy Issues, 1984. 2 folders. World Trade Center-Teleport, 1984.