

Roanoke Public Libraries
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Gainsboro Neighborhood Organization Collection

Collection Description

Repository: Gainsboro Branch of Roanoke Public Libraries

Location: B

Title: Gainsboro Neighborhood Organization

Physical Characteristics: Two (2) record storage boxes.

Arrangement: Items are arranged in series in alphabetical order. Other items are arranged in chronological order such as meeting information, correspondences, and grant information. It is broken down into fourteen (14) series overall over two (2) boxes: Finances, Grant Information, Gainsboro History Project, Meeting Materials, Roanoke Higher Education Center, All "Member Information" Folders, Correspondences, Development Plans & Initiatives, Events, Ephemera, Other Organization Information, Miscellaneous, Newspaper (Correctly Ordered by Date), Roanoke City Government. Items were originally stored in three (3) record storage boxes and a white binder.

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Historical Note

The Gainsboro Neighborhood Organization (GNO), previously named Gainsboro Southwest Community Organization, meets every month (except July) at the Gainsboro Library Community Room. The group's founding members include Ms. Claudia Pannell (President), Ms. Mary Lee Cabbler (Vice-President), Mr. George Heller (Secretary), and Mr. Bobby Harper (Treasurer). Organizational Oral History also states that Margaret and Alice Roberts were founding members as well. This group started meeting in June 1998. Gainsborough Southwest Community Organization was registered in Western Virginia corporations by Claudia Pannell in November of 2000. GNO has initiated multiple projects over the years for community betterment. The GNO seeks to improve the quality of life in the neighborhood, maintain existing housing, and promote development around the neighborhood. The majority of the collection contains meeting minutes from 2002 - 2025, meeting agendas, meeting attendance, financial reports, and member information as well as email and letter correspondences.

The collection contains not only documents just from GNO, but from around the Roanoke City area. Namely are events and projects that the GNO has funded through grants and donations, such as the block party, the Gainsboro History Walk, and lighting around the neighborhood. There are also other development initiatives including 427 Gilmer and Melrose Plaza. Other organizations in the collection are G-SHARP, Roanoke City Government, and other neighborhood organizations.

It also covers newspapers and ephemera from around the Roanoke area, important people, and community.

Citations

Roanoke City Government, *Gainsboro*, <https://www.roanokeva.gov/3012/Gainsboro>.

Scope and Contents

- The Gainsboro Neighborhood Organization Collection consists of two (2) record storage boxes, consisting of two hundred and thirty two (232) folders altogether.
- The collection includes various documents including meeting minutes, agendas, membership information about the Gainsboro Neighborhood Organization, grant information, development information, newspapers, conferences, and other organizations.
- The collection dates from meeting minutes from 2002 to meeting minutes from January 2025.

Container List

Box 1 of 2

Series I – Finances

Folder 1 - Misc. Finances

Folder 2 - Financial Reports

Series II – Grant Information

Folder 1 - 2011 - 2012 Grant Program

Folder 2 - 2011 - 2012 Grant Info

Folder 3 - 2012 - 2013 Grant Application

Folder 4 - 2012 - 2013 Grant Info

Folder 5 - 2015 - 2016 Grant Agreement, signed

Folder 6 - 2015 - 2016 Grant Apps

Folder 7 - 2015 - 2016 Grant Copies, signed

Folder 8 - 2016 - 2017 Community Dev Block Grant and Home Investment Partnerships Program

Folder 9 - 2016 - 2017 Grant for Gainsboro History Walk - Phase II

Folder 10 - 2016 - 2017 Grant for Installation of Victorian Lights

Folder 11 - 2016 - 2017 Grant signed

Folder 12 - 2016 - 2017 Grant Program Misc.

Folder 13 - 2017 - 2018 Grant Agreement

Folder 14 - 2020 - 2021 Grant Info

Folder 15 - Awards Celebration Dinner Flyers

Folder 16 - Grant Awards

Folder 17 - Grant Correspondences 2008 - 2011
Folder 18 - Grant Correspondences 2012 - 2019
Folder 19 - Grant Correspondences 2017 - 2023
Folder 20 - Grant Receipts
Folder 21 - Misc. Grant Amendments
Folder 22 - National Trust Preservation Funds
Folder 23 - Neighborhood Development Grant Info

Series III – Gainsboro History Project

Folder 1 - 2012 - 2013 Arts & Cultural Plan Implementation Mini-Grant Program App
Folder 2 - Gainsboro History Project Pamphlets
Folder 3 - Gainsboro History Project Grant Draft
Folder 4 - Gainsboro History Project Correspondences
Folder 5 - Gainsboro History Walk Transportation Enhancement Grant App. (2012 - 2013)
Folder 6 - Gainsboro History Walk Misc.
Folder 7 - 'What's Next for the Gainsboro History Project'

Series IV – Meeting Materials

Folder 1 - Bylaws (November 2005, February 2009)
Folder 2 - Bylaws (February 2009)
Folder 3 - Bylaws (June 2009) (1 of 2)
Folder 4 - Bylaws (June 2009) (2 of 2)
Folder 5 - Bylaws (June 2009, November 2015)
Folder 6 - Bylaws (November 2015)
Folder 7 - Bylaws Misc. (1 of 2)
Folder 8 - Bylaws Misc (2 of 2)
Folder 9 - Cards & Letterheads
Folder 10 - Meeting Agendas 2025
Folder 11 - Meeting Agendas 2023
Folder 12 - Meeting Agendas 2021
Folder 13 - Meeting Agendas 2020
Folder 14 - Meeting Agendas 2019
Folder 15 - Meeting Agendas 2018
Folder 16 - Meeting Agendas 2017
Folder 17 - Meeting Agendas 2016
Folder 18 - Meeting Agendas January - March 2015
Folder 19 - Meeting Agendas April - August 2015
Folder 20 - Meeting Agendas September - December 2015
Folder 21 - Meeting Agendas 2014
Folder 22 - Meeting Agendas 2013
Folder 23 - Meeting Agendas 2012

Folder 24 - Meeting Agendas 2011
Folder 25 - Meeting Agendas 2010
Folder 26 - Meeting Agendas 2009
Folder 27 - Meeting Agendas 2008
Folder 28 - Meeting Agendas Undated
Folder 29 - Meeting Attendance 2020 - 2023
Folder 30 - Meeting Attendance 2019
Folder 31 - Meeting Attendance 2018
Folder 32 - Meeting Attendance 2017
Folder 33 - Meeting Attendance 2016
Folder 34 - Meeting Attendance 2015
Folder 35 - Meeting Attendance 2012 - 2014
Folder 36 - Meeting Attendance Undated
Folder 37 - Meeting Minutes January - March 2024
Folder 38 - Meeting Minutes April - July 2024
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Folder 40 - Meeting Minutes January - May 2023
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Folder 43 - Meeting Minutes January - March 2022
Folder 44 - Meeting Minutes April - August 2022
Folder 45 - Meeting Minutes September - December 2022
Folder 46 - Meeting Minutes January - March 2021
Folder 47 - Meeting Minutes October - December 2021
Folder 48 - Meeting Minutes January 2020
Folder 49 - Meeting Minutes March 2020
Folder 50 - Meeting Minutes October - December 2020
Folder 51 - Meeting Minutes January - March 2019
Folder 52 - Meeting Minutes April - June 2019
Folder 53 - Meeting Minutes July 2019
Folder 54 - Meeting Minutes August - September 2019
Folder 55 - Meeting Minutes October - November 2019
Folder 56 - Meeting Minutes December 2019
Folder 57 - Meeting Minutes January - March 2018
Folder 58 - Meeting Minutes April - August 2018
Folder 59 - Meeting Minutes September - December 2018
Folder 60 - Meeting Minutes January - March 2017
Folder 61 - Meeting Minutes April - August 2017
Folder 62 - Meeting Minutes June - November 2017
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Folder 65 - Meeting Minutes February 2016
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Folder 67 - Meeting Minutes May - June 2016
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Folder 75 - Meeting Minutes November 2015
Folder 76 - Meeting Minutes January - June 2014
Folder 77 - Meeting Minutes September - December 2014
Folder 78 - Meeting Minutes January - March 2013
Folder 79 - Meeting Minutes May - November 2013
Folder 80 - Meeting Minutes 2012
Folder 81 - Meeting Minutes 2011
Folder 82 - Meeting Minutes 2010
Folder 83 - Meeting Minutes 2009
Folder 84 - Meeting Minutes 2002 - 2004
Folder 85 - Meeting Minutes Undated
Folder 86 - Misc Meeting Ephemera
Folder 87 - Unfilled Forms (1 of 2)
Folder 88 - Unfilled Forms (2 of 2)
Folder 89 - Unidentified Planner 2019 - 2020 (1 of 2)
Folder 90 - Unidentified Planner 2019 - 2020 (2 of 2)
Folder 91 - VA Statewide Neighborhood Conference (1 of 2)
Folder 92 - VA Statewide Neighborhood Conference (2 of 2)
Folder 93 - VA Statewide Neighborhood Conference 20th Annual
Folder 94 - VA Statewide Neighborhood Conference Finances

Series V – Roanoke Higher Education Center

Folder 1 - RHEC Correspondences
Folder 2 - RHEC Concept Plans
Folder 3 - RHEC Culinary School Expansion
Folder 4 - RHEC Flyers & Pamphlets
Folder 5 - RHEC Misc.

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Series VI – Member Information

Folder 1 - 1 of 6
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Folder 3 - 3 of 6
Folder 4 - 4 of 6
Folder 5 - 5 of 6
Folder 6 - 6 of 6
Folder 7 - Membership Contact Information
Folder 8 - Misc. Membership Information

Series VII – Correspondences

Folder 1 - January 2024
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Folder 3 - May 2023
Folder 4 - November - December 2023
Folder 5 - 2020 - 2022
Folder 6 - 2019
Folder 7 - 2018
Folder 8 - 2017
Folder 9 - 2016
Folder 10 - January 2015
Folder 11 - February - April 2015
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Folder 23 - September 2011 (2 of 2)
Folder 24 - October 2011
Folder 25 - November 2011
Folder 26 - January - March 2010
Folder 27 - April - July 2010
Folder 28 - August - December 2010
Folder 29 - 2009
Folder 30 - Undated
Folder 31 - Community Group Resources

Series VIII – Development Plans & Initiatives

- Folder 1** - 427 Gilmer (1 of 2)
- Folder 2** - 427 Gilmer (2 of 2)
- Folder 3** - Claytor Property & Gainsboro Funds
- Folder 4** - Community Building
- Folder 5** - Dumas Hotel
- Folder 6** - Gainsboro Housing Committee Report
- Folder 7** - Gainsboro Street Lighting Project
- Folder 8** - Green New Deal
- Folder 9** - G-SHARP Housing Initiative
- Folder 10** - Henry Street
- Folder 11** - Housing Project Report & Financial Report
- Folder 12** - Justice Business Ecosystem
- Folder 13** - List of Businesses in NW
- Folder 14** - Melrose Plaza
- Folder 15** - Melrose Plaza: 'Restoring Our Community'
- Folder 16** - Misc. Development Initiatives (1 of 4)
- Folder 17** - Misc. Development Initiatives (2 of 4)
- Folder 18** - Misc. Development Initiatives (3 of 4)
- Folder 19** - Misc. Development Initiatives (4 of 4)
- Folder 20** - Old Lick Cemetery Project
- Folder 21** - Partnership Agreement SW Gainsboro Neighborhood Org and REACH Draft
- Folder 22** - Project Reconciliation
- Folder 23** - Redevelopment Plan for Gainsboro Community Development Program Area
- Folder 24** - RM-1 Proposed Amendment
- Folder 25** - Roanoke Redevelopment and Housing Authority
- Folder 26** - Surveys (1 of 2)
- Folder 27** - Surveys (2 of 2)
- Folder 28** - Transportation Enhancement App 2012
- Folder 29** - Zoning Amendments Report and Study

Series IX – Events

- Folder 1** - ARTs Connect
- Folder 2** - 2018 Block Party Emails
- Folder 3** - 2017 Block Party 'Thank You' Emails
- Folder 4** - Block Party Committee
- Folder 5** - Block Party Correspondences
- Folder 6** - Block Party Flyers
- Folder 7** - Block Party Misc.
- Folder 8** - Community Flyers (1 of 2)

Folder 9 - Community Flyers (2 of 2)

Folder 10 - Misc. Events

Folder 11 - Request for Donation

Series X – Ephemera

Folder 1 - Handwritten Notes (1 of 2)

Folder 2 - Handwritten Notes (2 of 2)

Folder 3 - Undated Handwritten Notes (1 of 2)

Folder 4 - Undated Handwritten Notes (2 of 2)

Folder 5 - Awards

Folder 6 - 2021 Preservation Society Awards

Series XI - Other Organization Information

Folder 1 - Misc Meetings from Other Orgs

Folder 2 - Organization Misc.

Folder 3 - Neighborhood Month

Folder 4 - Weekly Neighborhood Update

Series XII – Miscellaneous

Folder 1 - Gainsboro SW Community Org Information

Folder 2 - Gainsboro SW Community Org Meeting Invites

Folder 3 - Miscellaneous

Series XIII – Newspaper (Correctly Ordered by Date)

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Folder 3 - 3 of 4

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Folder 5 - Gainsboro Gazette (1 of 2)

Folder 6 - Gainsboro Gazette (2 of 2)

Series XIX – Roanoke City Government

Folder 1 - City Hall without Walls, December 2009

Folder 2 - City of Roanoke President's Council Presentation: Real Estate Assessments
(12 March 2012)

Folder 3 - Downtown Roanoke 2022 Annual Report

Folder 4 - Gainsboro Library

Folder 5 - Misc. Government Correspondences

Folder 6 - Roanoke City Council Regular Session (17 October 2011)

Folder 7 - Roanoke City Government Flyers

Folder 8 - Roanoke City Government Miscellaneous Pamphlet