Kolleen Hudgins Collection (1975-1990)

Collection Summary

Title: Kolleen Hudgins Collection

Summary: A collection of photographs and planning documents from Kolleen Hudgins's time serving in the Mayor's Office as Special Projects Coordinator for

Nashville. Dates range from 1975 to 1990. Bulk dates: 1976-1985.

Physical Description: 6 boxes; 2.5 linear feet.

Language: English

Stack Location: Section 9, shelf 4.

Repository: Metropolitan Government Archives of Nashville-Davidson County,

615 Church Street, Nashville, TN 37219

Biographical Note:

Born in Dickson, Tennessee in 1929, Kolleen Brake Hudgins (later Atwell) served as Special Projects Coordinator under three mayors of Metropolitan Nashville and Davidson County: Richard Fulton, Bill Boner, and Phil Bredesen. She began her career under Mayor Richard H. Fulton in 1975 with plans to develop Nashville's city-wide cleanup campaigns with Metro Beautification. During her 15 years of service in the Mayor's Office, she also helped to develop and coordinate more programs, including the Join Hands with the Badge crime prevention program, Mayor's Adopt-A-House, and A Salute to Vietnam Veterans. Kolleen Hudgins also coordinated the grand opening of Riverfront Park in 1983, as well as the annual 4th of July Independence Day Celebration at Riverfront Park. After retiring from the Mayor's Office in 1990, Hudgins worked for Metro Parks for a further 15 years, continuing to act as Executive Producer for the July 4th celebrations at Riverfront Park. She died in January of 2022.

Scope and Contents of the Collection:

This collection contains photographs and planning documents from special events sponsored by the Mayor's Office during the 1970s and the 1980s. Dates range from 1975, with bulk dates between 1976 and 1985. The majority of the materials deal with events held during Mayor Richard Fulton's term in office, with some materials documenting special events occurring during Mayor Bill Boner's term in office. The collection documents the work of Kolleen Hudgins within the Mayor's Office to plan and coordinate numerous special programs, events, and celebrations, and her contribution to the growth and development of downtown Nashville.

Index Terms:

Names:

Boner, William H.

Fulton, Richard, 1927-2018

Subjects:

Mayors.

Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County (Tenn.)

Nashville Metropolitan Area (Tenn.)--Politics and government.

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Public service.

Special events--Planning.

Related Collections:

Philip N. Bredesen Mayoral Papers

Richard H. Fulton Mayoral Papers

William H. Boner Mayoral Papers

Arrangement:

This collection is arranged alphabetically into two series: *Photographs* and *Planning Documents*.

The *Photographs* series contains numerous color and black and white photos of varying sizes, ranging from 4x6 to 8x10, taken by Metro Photographers during special events and programs in downtown Nashville. These events include Courthouse Day, Easter parades, Heart of the City, Vietnam Veterans Salute, Join Hands with the Badge, and Metro employee picnics.

The *Planning Documents* series contains files for special programs and events sponsored by the Mayor's Office. Each file includes materials such as flyers, newspaper clippings, event programs, correspondence, and other documents relating to the planning and coordination of each event.

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