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Civic Services Committee records, 1941-1946

Brief Description of Collection

Title: Civic Services Committee records, 1941-1946

Creator: Civic Services Committee of the Carolina Art Association

Accession Number: A013.00

Extent/Size: 1 Document case

Location: See Archives Shelf Listing

Administrative Information

Provenance: When formal space was established for archival materials in 1996 these materials were gathered from various record storage areas in the museum building, these materials were likely stored in the defunct library or on the unfinished 3rd floor storage area.

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Historical Notes

The Civic Services Committee, sponsored by the Carolina Art Association, was formally organized in the spring of 1940. Organizing members of the committee included, E. Milby Burton, John Mead Howells, James O'Hear, Homer M. Pace, Sidney J. Rittenberg, Albert Simons, Alice R.H. Smith, Samuel G. Stoney and Robert N. S. Whitelaw. The committee was organized to study the need for practical preservation and planned growth. The Committee received grant funding from the Rockefeller Foundation and the Carnegie Corporation. Funds were used to secure a pilot study of the city by Frederick Law Olmstead Jr. and to compile a comprehensive inventory the city's architecture which resulted in the publication "This is Charleston". Additionally the committee sponsored studies of community growth and proposed a downtown traffic and parking plan.

Scope and Content

This collection consists of the records of the Civic Services Committee formed under the Carolina Art Association in 1940. The collection includes minutes and associated materials, memoranda, reports, correspondence, articles, speeches, pamphlets, press

clippings, and other records of the Civic Services Committee and related organizations. Materials range in date from 1941-1946.

Series Description/Container Listing

Box 1

Folders:

Civic Services Committee, minutes, 1942-1946 [3 folders]

Charleston Regional Planning Committee, minutes, 1942

Carolina Art Association Executive Board, minutes, 1942-1946

Correspondence, 1942, 1943

Press Clippings, 1944, n.d.

Report of the Charleston Regional Planning Committee, n.d.

Post War Planning in Charleston, n.d.

Off Street Parking, 1945

Civic Services Committee Work and Objectives, Pamphlet, 1944 (includes objectives by Frederick Law Olmstead Jr.)

This is Charleston, exhibition records, 1942

“An Architectural Inventory of Charleston”, article by Helen McCormack, American Society of Architectural History, Vol I, No. 3-4, July – Oct. 1941

Community Development Council, 1943

Robert N.S. Whitelaw, speech, 1942

Robert N.S. Whitelaw, “Planning Charleston Past and Present” speech, 1942

Civic Services Committee, Rockefeller Foundation, grant request, 1942