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INTRODUCTION

Papers of a commission established by a special election on May 4, 1948.

DONOR INFORMATION

The papers were donated to the University of Missouri by the Columbia Charter Commission on 25 May 1949 (Accession No. 3041).

ORGANIZATIONAL SKETCH

The Columbia Charter Commission took office on June 7, 1948, held fifty-three official meetings, and wrote a charter incorporating ideas of the council-manager form of government.

Thirteen members were chosen to represent all sections and aspects of the community. Original members were Robert L. Howard (chairman), Polly Brummett (secretary), Ed Roberson, Paul A. McCreery, Gordon Kingsley (vice chairman), Noah E. Martin Marjorie Carpenter, M. L. Faust, Carl Agee, Mrs. George M. Ewing, Cecil C. Coffman, Joe Dietz, and Clyde Hinshaw. W. Roy Sappington and J. M. Silvey were appointed later to fill vacancies.

The standing committees of the commission were: 1. Executive; 2. Research and Consultant Services; 3. Accounts (Finances), Employees, Housing, Services and Supplies; 4. Legislative Organization and Power; 5. Executive, Administrative, and Judicial Organizations and Powers, and Personal Provisions; 8. Municipal Utilities, Public Works and Improvements, Planning and Zoning; and 9. General and Miscellaneous Provisions, Phraseology and Arrangement.

FOLDER LIST

- f. 1-2 Minutes. Contains the date, time, and place of the meetings, those members attending or absent, whether or not a quorum was present, resolutions introduced and actions taken, names of speakers, lists of literature distributed, and miscellaneous business conducted by the Commission.
- f. 3-4 Discussions by the Commission of the various committee reports. These are verbatim records.
- f. 5 Resolutions presented in typed form by various members of the Commission.
- f. 6 Committee objectives. Typed outlines of the purpose, objectives, and some of the problems facing the standing committees.
- f. 7-8 Committee Reports, original drafts drawn up by the various committees and presented to the Commission for approval.
- f. 9 Correspondence includes letters written and received by the

- Commission and its members, pertaining to bills, provisions in the charter, legal advice, and supplies.
- f. 10 Speeches--verbatim records of speeches given before the Commission and the discussion which followed. Speeches were given by: R.F. Agard, Dean Van Ness, Walter Metcalfe, Dr. Victor Brannon, Marvin E. Boisseau, Bruce J. Carl, R.S. Pollard, H.L. Wilson, Stanley Smith, and J.E. Boggs.
- f. 11-20 Tentative drafts--typed drafts of the various parts of the charter as it was changed and rewritten.
- f. 21-30 Reference material used by the Commission. Contains data on the Columbia Administration at the time the charter was written, a copy of the Model City Charter, and excerpts from charters of other Cities.
- f. 31-32 Miscellaneous. Contains administrative papers such as names and addresses of members, receipts, and newspaper clippings pertaining to the Commission's work.

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