



Center for Understanding the Built Environment (CUBE) Records (K0907)

Collection Number: K0907

Collection Title: Center for Understanding the Built Environment (CUBE) Records

Dates: 1986-1998

Creator: Center for Understanding the Built Environment (CUBE)

Abstract: The Center for Understanding the Built Environment (CUBE) Records consists of organizational information, various newsletters published by the organization, and two publications by outside institutions.

Collection Size: 0.11 cubic foot
(7 folders)

Language: Collection materials are in English.

Repository: The State Historical Society of Missouri

Restrictions on Access: Collection is open for research. This collection is available at [The State Historical Society of Missouri Research Center-Kansas City](#). If you would like more information, please contact us at kansascity@shsmo.org. Collections may be viewed at any research center.

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Donor Information: The records were donated to the University of Missouri by Ginny Graves on August 23, 2005 (Accession No. KA1391).

Related Materials: Additional materials related to the Center for Understanding the Built Environment (CUBE) Records can be found in the following collections:

American Institute of Architects-Kansas City Chapter (AIA-KC) Records (K0636)

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Organizational Note:

The predecessor of the Center for Understanding the Built Environment (CUBE), archiNet, began its first community-based educational endeavors in 1969, with the creation of the Box City program. The program was a community planning activity that involved the creation of a three dimensional city using boxes.

In 1983, archiNet gave way to the CUBE which was founded Ginny Graves, in Kansas City, Missouri, with the help from architects, preservationists, and educators. The CUBE specialized in community-based education and primary school programs geared toward the understanding of the built environment. The CUBE operated under the not-for-profit auspices of the Kansas City Architectural Foundation between 1990 and 1993 after which it applied for and received its own not-for-profit status.

The CUBE has provided a framework of activities such as programs, courses, workshops, newsletters, teaching guides, and curriculum development to help teachers teach students using the built environment around them as a reference for developing critical thinking and problem solving skills.

Today the CUBE brings together both educators and community partners to encourage positive change in the community that will lead to a quality and natural built environment where cities work for both adults and children. Therefore, buildings and public spaces are both healthy and aesthetically pleasing, where streetscapes and landscapes help to shape the future of the community while celebrating the community's past.

Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged into seven folders and materials within the folders have been arranged chronologically by the processor.

Scope and Content Note:

Folder one contains organizational information such as the CUBE's mission statement, listing of officers and Board of Directors, a job description for the Board of Directors, and a brief history of the organization. Folders two through six consists of newsletters published by the organization. These newsletters include, *archiNEWS*, 1986-1996, *archiTALK*, 1992-1998, the *Technical Bulletin*, 1997-1998. Note that these dates are not all inclusive. Additional newsletters include, *archiMinutes*, with a single issue from November 1988, and an issue of *Community into Classroom into Community* from September 1998. Folder seven contains two publications published by outside institutions. These publications are entitled, *Heritage Education Quarterly* published in the winter of 1986 and *Network News: The Urban Network, a Program in Urban Design for Youth* published in the winter of 1993.

Container List:

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