

Royal Oak Historical Society

**Woodwardside Improvement Association, Inc.
Records,
1944-1955**

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Extent: .25 cubic feet

Creator: Woodwardside Improvement Association, Inc.

Access Restrictions: The collection is open for research.

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History:

The first meeting of the Woodwardside Improvement Association, Inc. was held on May 8, 1945 with Paul D. Loranger as the temporary chairman. By-laws were proposed and committees were established regarding civic affairs, membership, restrictions, and building (construction). This committee worked with builders as well as the city of housing plans for the Woodwardside Subdivision. The association was also a member of the Greater North-Woodward Improvement Association which consisted of Northwood Improvement Association, Vincetta Park Improvement Association, Woodwardside Improvement Association, Royal Oak Beverly Hills Improvement Association, and Woodward Hills Improvement Association. In 1947, the association put out a newsletter for the membership and in later years, held annual meetings for and various holiday celebrations.

Scope and Content:

This collection consists of the records of the Woodwardside Improvement Association, Inc. The records, which were housed in a binder, were removed from the binder and rehoused in acid-free folders in their original, chronological order. The records reflect the association's aim to "promote the public health, safety, morals and general welfare of residents and owners" of property in the subdivision. Included are by-laws, correspondence, meeting minutes, and newsletters. There are also a few committee and treasurer reports.

Subjects include zoning laws, Dutch Elm disease, insect control, the city dump, spraying and trimming trees, flying model airplanes in Memorial Park, and improvements to the streets including oiling, speed limits, and the installation of street lights.

Box 1

- 1:1 By-laws, incorporation records, 1944-1945
- 1:2 Meeting minutes, 1945-1946
- 1:3 Meeting minutes, correspondence, reports, 1946-1947
- 1:4 Meeting minutes, correspondence, newsletters, 1947-1948
- 1:5 Meeting minutes, correspondence, 1948-1949
- 1:6 Correspondence, newsletters, 1949-1950
- 1:7 Meeting minutes, 1950-1951
- 1:8 Meeting minutes, newsletters, reports, 1951-1952
- 1:9 Meeting minutes, correspondence, newsletters, 1952-1953
- 1:10 Correspondence, newsletters, 1953-1954
- 1:11 Meeting minutes, newsletters, 1954-1955