

Royal Oak Historical Society

**Vinsetta Park Improvement Association, Inc.
Records,
1938-1964**

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History:

In September 1938, a notice was sent to all Vinsetta Park property owners in the hopes that the Vinsetta Property Owners Protective Association be revived or reorganized in order to supervise new construction. This association helped to ensure that all houses built complied with subdivision restrictions. The particular concern in 1938 was preventing “unsightly business places” from being built along Woodward Avenue, and to eliminate rooming/boarding houses in the subdivision.

The first meeting of the Vinsetta Park Improvement Association was held on October 25, 1938 at Northwood School with Hugh Backus presiding. The purpose of the improvement association was to provide a “peaceful, tranquil and restful living environment for the residents” and to maintain building use and restrictions. Forty-eight Vinsetta Park property owners attended the meeting. Backus reported on past work that had been accomplished by the property owners. Officers were elected, and the by-laws (which had been prepared by attorney Arthur Moore) were read and adopted by unanimous vote.

The association was incorporated December 13, 1945.

Scope and Content:

This collection consists of the records of the Vinsetta Park Improvement Association, Inc. The records are arranged in alphabetical order. Included are articles of incorporation, financial records including annual tax exemption status, and some ephemera. The bulk of the materials is correspondence dealing with various issues of concern to the residents. A few meeting minutes are interspersed within the correspondence. There are also blueprints for a proposed office building for Klippel & Co. and development on Sunset Blvd. Of particular interest may be the list of property owners that includes the name of the owner, their address, the cost of the lot, and sometimes the dimension of the lot.

Box 1

- 1:1 Articles of Incorporation, 1940
- 1:2 Blueprints
- 1:3 Booklet – Boston-Edison Protective Association, 1941
- 1:4 Correspondence, 1938
- 1:5 Correspondence, 1939
- 1:6 Correspondence, 1940
- 1:7 Correspondence, 1941
- 1:8 Correspondence, 1945
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- 1:21 Correspondence, 1960
- 1:22 Correspondence, 1961-1964
- 1:23 Ephemera
- 1:24 Financial – Auditor's Reports, 1945-1947
- 1:25 Financial – Receipts, 1959
- 1:26 Financial – Tax Exempt Status, 1946-1959
- 1:27 Lot Owners, n.d.
- 1:28 Reports – Michigan Non-profit corporation, 1956-1960
- 1:29 Restriction Extension Agreements, 1954-1955