

Fitzsimons Redevelopment

Collection Summary

Dates: 1896-2006

Quantity: 1 Box

Location: Archives BH 2

Abstract and Arrangement: The collection begins with the history of Fitzsimons as an Army hospital which opened in 1918. Research on the closing of the campus as an Army facility in the 1990s and reuse of the buildings leads to its development as a University of Colorado Health Services Center.

Contents

Folder 1: 1896-1942 and undated. Undated documents describe the history of Fitzsimons, first as a plant nursery, then as a group of buildings for treating respiratory patients, then as a treatment center for wounded soldiers from WW I. Descriptions and photos of buildings from earliest days until 1942, particularly a photo of the commanding officer's residence, formerly the home of Alfred Gutheil, the first owner of the property.

Folder 2: 1986-1991. Research on the reuse of Fitzsimons by the Department of Defense, the Historic Preservation Council, Colorado Historical Society, Department of the Army, and the National Register of Historic Places includes studies on the use of specific buildings, maps of the Fitzsimons campus, and information on the re-use of historic buildings.

Folder 3: 1995. A statement of the significance of Fitzsimons General Hospital from 1918 through World War II and correspondence in support of maintaining and redeveloping the medical center. An Army memorandum on the effects of the closure of the Army Base includes evaluation and preservation of the historic buildings and land.

Folder 4: 1995-1996. Aurora Historic Preservation Commission memos on tour of Fitzsimons and buildings of historic value, meeting minutes, descriptions of buildings

Folder 5: 1996-2001 and undated. Fitzsimons redevelopment planning by Department of the Army BRAC including correspondence, project status, remedial projects, and maps

Folder 6: 1996-1998 and undated. Fitzsimons redevelopment planning by BRW. Preliminary market findings and project plans including correspondence, map and cover

Folder 7: 1998-2001. Legal Zoning. Boundary area zoning district design standards and guidelines, map, and notice of public hearings

Folder 8: 1998-2006 and undated. Architect plans, new street names, site development alternatives, CU campus maps, deed schedules

Folder 9: 1998-2003 and undated. University of Colorado Health Sciences Center. Documents on the move to the Fitzsimons campus including Historic Preservation Commission alternatives as to use of the buildings, correspondence, newspaper articles, a publication about President Eisenhower's recovery at Fitzsimons

Folder 10: 1997-2000. Fitzsimons Redevelopment Authority. List of facts about Fitzsimons and redevelopment plans, correspondence about the redevelopment plan and artifacts to be preserved, and "Economic Impacts of the Fitzsimons Redevelopment Project"

Folder 11: 1998. Colorado Cultural Resource Survey Re-Evaluation forms for buildings and structures in Fitzsimons area, described by building number and name

Folder 12: 1996-1999. "Fitz Reuse," Newsletters of the Fitzsimons Redevelopment Authority with articles, photos, and maps showing redevelopment plans and progress

Folder 13: 2000-2007. "The New Fitzsimons" newsletters with photos and articles

Folder 14: June 2001 and undated. "Fitzsimons Advisory Board" with lists of members, the advisory board charter, and undated map showing proposed I-225 ramps

Folder 15: 1997-2007 and undated. Newspaper articles on the closing of Fitzsimons Army Medical Center, the plans for opening the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center, and the development of the Medical Center through early 2007

Folder 16: 2003. Fitzsimons Redevelopment Authority Historic Preservation Issues for the Sand Creek Parkway "300" Area buildings includes extracts from the 1991 Cultural Resources Study of the Army Medical Center.

Folder 17: 2003. Proposed Sand Creek Parkway Cultural Resource Inventory includes a history of the area, description and photos of buildings, and recommendations.