

**Title:** Civic Center Collection

**Reference Code:** Mss-2621

**Inclusive Dates:** 1909 – 1977

**Quantity:** 0.34 cu. ft. total

**Location:** MV, E05 (0.3 cu. ft.)  
MV, F24 (0.04 cu. ft.)

**Abstract:** Milwaukee's Civic Center encompasses an area downtown stretching from Wisconsin Ave. on the south, Highland Blvd. on the North, 10<sup>th</sup> St. on the west, and N. Water St. on the east. It includes several government buildings – the County Court House, City Hall, and the State Office Building – as well as cultural institutions such as the Milwaukee Public Library, Auditorium, Arena, Performing Arts Center, Milwaukee County Historical Society, and Public Museum. Proposals for a Civic Center were discussed as early as 1909, but not until 1920 did Milwaukee citizens approve a referendum designating the present site as the Civic Center.

**Scope and Content:** The collection consists of reports, publications, brochures, flyers, newsletters, newspaper clippings that discuss the planning and development of the Civic Center/Plaza as well as various buildings in the designated area. Also included is a map of the Kilbourn Avenue Improvement Plan, 1934.

**Access and Use:** No restrictions

**Language:** English

**Notes:** The collection was processed by Kevin Abing, October 2015.

**Arrangement:**

<b>Miscellaneous Publications/Reports</b>	<b>Box #</b>	<b>Folder #</b>
Economic Planning of a Downtown Milwaukee Recreational-Cultural Center, 1966	1	LOOSE
<i>The Downtown Merchantman</i> Newsletter, 1943-1945	1	LOOSE
Progress Report, City Hall Square Development Committee, ca. 1965	1	LOOSE
Grouping of Public Buildings, report by the Board of Public Land Commissioners, 1919 (3 copies)	1	LOOSE
<i>Let's See</i> magazine, October 1960	1	LOOSE
Milwaukee, Economic Development Opportunities, 1977	1	LOOSE
MECCA Information Kit	1	LOOSE
Milwaukee Civic Center Plaza Development, 1959	1	LOOSE
"The History of the Milwaukee Civic Center," by the 1948 Corporation	1	LOOSE
Postwar Milwaukee: A Conception of Kilbourn Avenue Plaza Reprinted from the Milwaukee Journal, 1945	1	LOOSE
<b>OVERSIZE MATERIAL</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	
City of Milwaukee Civic Center, 1964 – General Development Plan Report/Landscape and Architectural Design (2 copies)	MV, F24	