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**MS 1166**  
**TUCSON PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION**  
**1920-1969 (Bulk 1958-1969)**

**DESCRIPTION**

This collection consists primarily of monthly meeting notes of the Tucson Planning and Zoning Commission from 1958 to 1969 collected by R. E. Heineman. Each monthly meeting folder contains agenda sheet, meeting notes, and support documents on major zoning or planning issues discussed by the board. Meetings reflect such topics as flood plain development, neighborhood subdivision planning, rezoning petitions, park and recreation area, and school location planning. An index in folder 129 lists all Commission actions for the period 1958-1969.

16 Boxes, 7.75 linear feet

**ACQUISITION**

This collection was received from Robert Heineman in Sep. 1971.

**ACCESS**

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**PROCESSING**

The collection was processed in July 2000 by William D. Tackenberg.

**ARRANGEMENT**

The collection is arranged into two series: 1/Commission meeting notes, minutes, and agenda sheets; 2/zoning planning references, miscellaneous zoning documents, and one folder on personal history of R. E. Heineman.

## HISTORICAL NOTE

The need for planning in city development for Tucson and to regulate surrounding land use was recognized early in the 20th century. The city adopted its first city zoning ordinance in January 1930. In 1941 the City Council passed ordinance creating a nine-man Planning and Zoning Commission with responsibility to “adopt a comprehensive long-range master plan” for the city. Despite numerous attempts to initiate a “master plan” for Tucson no such initiative was started until 1943 when Ladislav Segoe a nationally prominent planning consultant undertook the project. Pima County followed the city example in the creation of County Planning and Zoning Commission in 1949.

Robert E. Heineman was a resident of Tucson for 55 years, a member of the Commission for 11 years, and served as its chairman from 1964-1969. He was also involved with many other community projects and organizations including the Arizona Pioneer Historical Society and chairman of the Tucson Community Council.

## SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

Chiefly monthly meeting notes of the Tucson Planning and Zoning Commission collected by Robert E. Heineman during his service as a member. The published notes have been arranged into monthly folders chronologically from 1958 to 1969. Each folder contains a previously published agenda sheet, typed meeting notes, and any supporting documents for issues raised. The typed notes include discussing by the various members of the Commission on the issues under consideration, decisions reached, and future considerations for the members to consider. Reference items are attached in the folder with maps for considerations in the rezoning requests as well as supporting or opposition correspondence from individuals or groups.

Additional reference materials used by the Commission members are contained in folders 140 through 144. A copy of the “Tucson Industrial Marketing Plan” for 1969, “Survey of Industrial Development” for 1964, and “Residential Construction Cost Book” are included.

Miscellaneous Commission documents and publications are contained in folders 130 to 139. Some of these documents do not have dates but many are of interest for those researchers interested in flood plain development, neighborhood subdivision planning, and parks and recreation areas planning.

Of special interest to researchers will be folder 129 containing an index of all major issues decided by the Commission from 1958 to 1969. This index was prepared by Heineman while he was chairman of the group and lists such important projects as the Flowing Wells Area Plan in 1959, Fallout Shelter Zoning Regulations in 1960, the Southern Pacific Railroad Industrial Plan in 1962, neighborhood plan for Old Pueblo District in 1962, and the Governmental Civic Center Plan in 1964

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