



120 Academy Street, Trenton, N.J. 08608
609-392-7188 * www.trentonlib.org

Collection 336
South Ward Citizen Police Advisory Council
Collection, 2000-2009

By Adia Morris
June 2021

History

South Ward Citizen Police Advisory Council (CPAC) was a citizens' oversight board established in August of 2000 by Trenton resident James "Jim" Carlucci. CPAC was founded with the mission to create and maintain a close working partnership between the Trenton Police Department and the larger Trenton community to identify and prevent problems and crimes, and to improve the safety and quality of life for all.

The South Ward CPAC was joined by three sister organizations representing the other wards respectively, the North, West, and East District chapters, all of which maintained consistent communication. Carlucci served as both the founder and chairman of CPAC from the inception of the organization in 2000 until his 2009 departure in order to "make room for fresh blood" in the organization. It appears the CPAC remained active within the community until November 2017, with a final Facebook post suspending future meetings. According to Carlucci, the likely reasons for its end were lack of strong leadership, support from Trenton city administration, and interest from the community.

Scope and Content Notes

This collection consists of minutes, agendas, meeting notes, emails, faxes, correspondence, organizational records, news clippings, and crime stats. Most of the items in this collection were part of the papers of Jim Carlucci, representing the time period that he was active in the organization.

The South Ward CPAC Collection offers insight into crime and community engagement in early 2000s Trenton. Of particular interest to researchers may be the various complaints and news clippings saved by Carlucci during his tenure, as well as Trenton Police Department crime statistics, and detailed meeting notes left by the secretary.

The collection is divided into three series: I. Administrative Documents; II. Jim Carlucci Papers; and III. Complaints.

Series Description

Series I. Administrative Documents

This series contains agendas, meeting minutes and notes, various types of correspondence including emails and faxes, letters, attendance sheets for meetings, and other documents related to the functioning of the organization. Of particular note are the various letters to and from Carlucci, which document his activism and response from Trenton administrators and the police, as well as detailed minutes, agendas, and secretarial notes that provide details into what issues the CPAC was tackling at the time.

Series II. Jim Carlucci Papers

This series contains correspondence sent to Carlucci, as well as information about him. This series also includes documents from other local civic associations, namely the South Trenton Area Residents Civic Association, Adeline Community Civic Association, and the Jersey Street Community Association. There are also miscellaneous notes and documents, including personal letters sent to associates and friends. Included in this series are documents removed from a 3-ring binder that contained various information such as member contacts, presumably compiled by Carlucci. Also in this folder is a flyer for an appearance by author Janet Evanovich at the Trenton Marriott in June 2005.

Series III. Complaints

This series contains the complaints received from the community, as well as police crime statistics, documents on the “Charlie District” CPAC, and press releases and memorandums. The complaints folder may be of particular interest as it includes a small sampling of the many issues Trentonians faced between 2000-2009. One discusses a local business’s concerns about drug dealers near their storefront, while another is a testimony from a citizen about their experience with the police after being mugged.

Provenance: It is believed that most of the items in this collection were separated from a larger donation of papers from Jim Carlucci prior to 2015.

Restrictions: None

Processing Notes: The membership application forms in Box 1, Folder 12 contained social security numbers which were redacted. A copy of each redacted form was made and the originals shredded.

Container List

Box / Folder / Folder Title

Series I. Administrative Documents
1 / 1 / By-Laws
1 / 2 / Notes, Pamphlets, Blank Forms
1 / 3 / Financial Documents, Receipts, Contact info
1 / 4 / Letters
1 / 5 / Agendas, Minutes (2002-2005)
1 / 6 / Attendance Sheets (2002-2005)
1 / 7 / Attendance Sheets, Agendas (2006-2009)
1 / 8 / Secretary Meeting Notes 1/2
1 / 9 / Secretary Meeting Notes 2/2
1 / 10 / Other Area Civic Associations
Series II. Jim Carlucci Papers
1 / 11 / Letters, Emails, Personal Info
1 / 12 / Documents removed from binder
Series III. Complaints
1 / 13 / Press Releases, News Clippings
1 / 14 / Complaints, Testimony (letters, emails)
1 / 15 / Laws, Ordinances, Codes
1 / 16 / Resolutions and Memorandums
1 / 17 / Charlie District
2 / 1 / Safety Handouts, Policies
2 / 2 / Maps, Reports
2 / 3 / Police Comp Stat Reports
2 / 4 / Crime Statistics, Visual Aids

Bibliography

Mention of CPAC 2014 [accessed June 2021]

<https://www.nj.com/mercere/2014/05/nine-competing-for-three-at-large-trenton-council-seats.html>

Jim Carlucci Twitter [accessed June 2021]

<https://twitter.com/JimCarlucci2/status/1301911837664047110/photo/1>