



Summary Information

Title: Concerned Citizens of Diboll versus Family Affair Club Records

Collection Number: 1993:006

Creator: Larry Weaver

Collection Dates: 1973

Extent: .01 cubic feet (1 folder)

Language: English

Collection Abstract:

The Family Affair Club was a predominantly African American club in Diboll, Texas. This collection consists of a public hearing transcript, correspondence, and exhibits documenting the Concerned Citizens of Diboll's effort, led by Baptist minister Larry Weaver, to prevent the club from obtaining a special use permit to legally operate and sell alcoholic beverages.

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Historical Note:

The Family Affair Club was a predominantly African American club at 100 Beech Street, Diboll, Texas. It was owned by E. C. Williams and managed by Marcellos Jones. Williams filed the building permit application on May 11, 1973. In response, a group of Diboll citizens led by Baptist ministers Larry Weaver, of First Baptist Church of Diboll, and A. B. Conner, sought to prevent Williams from obtaining a special use permit to operate the club. A special use permit was needed by way of Article Thirteen, Section 13-101 of the Zoning Code for the City of Diboll, allowing the club to operate and sell alcoholic beverages. Represented by George Chandler, their arguments concerning zoning, language technicalities, emergency vehicle access concerns, and drunkenness ultimately failed. The club grand opening was held on January 31, 1974. It became increasingly popular during the disco era of the late

1970s, and attracted various acts and entertainers such as Jimmy Walker, Little Milton, South Funk Blvd., and hosted open mic nights. The club also honored Diboll native Mack Mitchell on March 27, 1975 as he was drafted by the Cleveland Browns out of the University of Houston that year.

Collection Scope and Content:

This collection consists of exhibits which include correspondence and photographs, as well as a public hearing transcript before the Planning and Zoning Commission and the City Council of Diboll. The records document the Family Affair Club's efforts to obtain a special use permit to exist as a private club. The records, particularly the transcript, reflect opposition of Diboll Baptists over serving alcoholic beverages in a dry town, and the existence of a club in a small rural city. The records are dated January 7 through December 28, 1973.

Subject Terms:

Topics

- Temperance --Texas --Diboll
- Private clubs -- Texas -- Diboll
- Baptists -- Texas -- Diboll
- African Americans -- Texas -- Diboll
- Alcoholic beverages -- Texas -- Diboll
- Drinking of alcoholic beverages -- Texas -- Diboll

Corporate Names

- The Family Affair
- First Baptist Church (Diboll, Tex.)

Personal Names

- Williams, E. C.
- Weaver, Larry
- Chandler, George
- Conner, A. B.

Genres

- Legal documents

Locations

- Diboll (Tex.)

Access and Use

Access Restrictions: There are no access restrictions.

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Related Materials:

Photographs of The Family Affair Club can be found in the Diboll Free Press photograph collection, box two of accession 1999:058.

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Collection Inventory

Box 1

Folder 1 Public Hearing Transcript, Exhibits, and Legal Fee Correspondence, 1973