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Collection Overview

Repository:	Anacostia Community Museum Archives
Title:	Nancy Shia Papers
Date:	1969 - 2001
Identifier:	ACMA.06-099
Creator:	Shia, Nancy, 1947-
Extent:	2.59 Linear feet (2 boxes (1 box is oversized))
Language:	English .

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Donated by Nancy Shia in 2017.

Processing Information

Collection level description and machine-readable guide completed by Jennifer Morris, 2019 August. The collection was processed, and a finding aid prepared by Amelia J. Verkerk in 2023.

Preferred Citation

Nancy Shia papers, Anacostia Community Museum, Smithsonian Institution, gift of Nancy Shia.

Restrictions

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Biographical/Historical Note

Nancy Shia is a photographer, political artist, neighborhood activist, and longtime Adams Morgan resident. She received her B.A. in Sociology (with a minor in Photography) from City College of New York, her M.A. in Social Work from Columbia University, and came to Washington, DC in 1972 to attend Antioch School of Law (from which she received her J.D. in 1978). She has extensively documented the Adams Morgan neighborhood through photography since the early 1970s. She later worked for the Federal News Service and was elected to serve as Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner from 1982-1984 and again from 2007-2010.

Scope and Contents

These records include documents related to Nancy Shia's tenure as an Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner for the Adams Morgan neighborhood in Washington, DC from 1982-184. Materials include correspondence, meeting agendas and minutes, annual reports, grant proposals, newspaper clippings, and political fliers. Also contained in the collection are several editions of the *Rock Creek Monitor*, a newspaper of Adams Morgan and surrounding communities, and photographs by Nancy Shia of the annual Adams Morgan Day celebration.

Names and Subject Terms

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

Subjects:

- Festivals
- Housing policy
- Newspapers -- 20th century

Types of Materials:

- Annual reports -- 20th century
- Correspondence
- Fliers (printed matter)
- Newsletters
- Newspaper clippings
- Photographs

Names:

- Barry, Marion, 1936-2014
- Butler, Josephine "Jo", 1920-1997
- Nahikian, Marie Satenik, 1946-
- Washington, Walter E., 1915-2003

Places:

- Adams Morgan (Washington, D.C.)

Container Listing

Series 1: Advisory Neighborhood Commission

Scope and Contents: This series consists of materials related to Nancy Shia's tenure as Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) for Adams Morgan from 1982-1984. This series is divided into two subseries: Correspondence and Administrative Files. The Correspondence subseries contains letters between Nancy Shia and various members of ANC, D.C. City Council, and the mayor of D.C., Marion Barry. The Administrative Files subseries includes meeting minutes, financial records, housing and welfare policies, and reports from different committees ANC collaborated with during that time.

Subseries 1.1: Correspondence

Box 1, Folder 1	Correspondence, 1982 April 07 - 1983 August 24, 1988 March 03
Box 1, Folder 2	Correspondence, 1982 May 06 - 1983 July 15
Box 1, Folder 3	Correspondence, 1983 March 08 - 1984 January 09

Subseries 1.2: Administrative Files

Box 1, Folder 4	Administrative, 1967 May, 1983 August 24 - 1984 September 09
Box 1, Folder 5	Housing and land use policies, circa 1980s
Box 1, Folder 6	Jubilee Housing assessment report, 1983 July
Box 1, Folder 7	Annual Reports, 1981 November - 1982 November
Box 1, Folder 8	Meeting Minutes, 1982 May 03 - 1984 August 07
Box 1, Folder 9	Meeting Minutes, 1982 June 07 - 1984 November 05
Box 1, Folder 10	Financial, 1982 July 31 - 1983 September 20
Box 1, Folder 11	Administrative, 1982 August - 1984 October
Box 1, Folder 12	Comprehensive Plan reports, 1982 September - 1983 October
Box 1, Folder 13	Administrative, 1983 May 03 - 1984 October 24

Box 1, Folder 14

Report by Resolution Committee, 1986 March 29

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Series 2: Photography

Scope and Contents: This series consists of photographs and photocopies by Nancy Shia of the Adams Morgan Annex and the 1983 Adams Morgan Day, a neighborhood festival celebrating local businesses, artists, and community members. The Adams Morgan Annex photographs document Shia's and ANC's efforts to save the annex from being torn down for more expensive housing. The "Adams Morgan Day in Pictures" is a project by Shia to highlight different aspects of the neighborhood festival, including the food and drinks, organizers, and music. Most of the photographs in this series are in black and white and dated around 1983.

Box 1, Folder 15 Photographs of the Morgan Annex, circa 1970s-1980s

Box 1, Folder 16 Copies of "Adams Morgan Day in Pictures", 1983

Box 1, Folder 17 "Adams Morgan Day 1983 in Pictures", 1983

Box 1, Folder 18 Photographs of Adams Morgan Day, 1983

An Illustrated History of Adams-Morgan, 1983
1 Photograph (10 x 8 inches)
Genre/Form: Photographs -- 1980-2000
Place: Adams Morgan (Washington, D.C.)

Group holding flag, 1983
1 Photograph (10 x 8 inches)
Language: English.
Names: Barry, Marion, 1936-2014
 Clarke, David "Dave", 1943-1997
Genre/Form: Photographs -- 1980-2000
Place: Adams Morgan (Washington, D.C.)

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Series 3: Printed Materials

Scope and Contents: This series consists of printed materials related to the Adams Morgan neighborhood and Shia's personal involvement in community activism. The series is divided into two subseries: Newspapers and Flyers, pamphlets, and posters. The Newspapers subseries contains various local newspapers, including the *Rock Creek Monitor* and the *Adams Morgan ANC Newsletter*. Flyer, pamphlets, and posters include campaign materials, flyers about housing issues, and pamphlets about the community. Five oversized posters are also in this subseries and are found in Box 2.

Subseries 3.1: Newspapers

Box 1, Folder 19 Adams Morgan ANC 1-C Newsletter, 1983 August - 1983 October, 1983 December, 1984 February, 1984 March- 1984 June, 1984 November - December

[Adams Morgan ANC 1-C Newsletter, 1983 August](#)

7 Prints (11.5 x 15 inches; 7 pages)

Language: English.

Genre/Form: Newsletters -- 20th century

Place: Adams Morgan (Washington, D.C.)

Topic: Community life

[Adams Morgan ANC 1-C Newsletter, 1983 September](#)

5 Prints (11.5 x 17 inches; 5 pages)

Language: English.

Genre/Form: Newsletters -- 20th century

Place: Adams Morgan (Washington, D.C.)

Topic: Community life

[Adams Morgan ANC 1-C Newsletter, 1983 October](#)

4 Prints (11.5 x 15 inches; 4 pages)

Language: English.

Genre/Form: Newsletters -- 20th century

Place: Adams Morgan (Washington, D.C.)

Topic: Community life

[Adams Morgan ANC 1-C Newsletter, 1983 December](#)

3 Prints (11.5 x 15 inches; 3 pages)

Language: English.

Genre/Form: Newsletters -- 20th century

Place: Adams Morgan (Washington, D.C.)

Topic: Community life

Adams Morgan ANC 1-C Newsletter, 1984 February

5 Prints (11.5 x 15 inches; 5 pages)

Genre/Form: Newsletters -- 20th century

Place: Adams Morgan (Washington, D.C.)

Topic: Community life

[Adams Morgan ANC 1-C Newsletter, 1984 March](#)

5 Prints (11.5 x 15 inches; 5 pages)

Language: English.
 Genre/Form: Newsletters -- 20th century
 Place: Adams Morgan (Washington, D.C.)
 Topic: Community life

[Adams Morgan ANC 1-C Newsletter, 1984 April](#)

5 Prints (11.5 x 15 inches; 5 pages)

Language: English.
 Genre/Form: Newsletters -- 20th century
 Place: Adams Morgan (Washington, D.C.)
 Topic: Community life

[Adams Morgan ANC 1-C Newsletter, 1984 May](#)

3 Prints (11.5 x 15 inches; 3 pages)

Language: English.
 Genre/Form: Newsletters -- 20th century
 Place: Adams Morgan (Washington, D.C.)
 Topic: Community life

[Adams Morgan ANC 1-C Newsletter, 1984 June](#)

6 Prints (11.5 x 15 inches; 6 pages)

Language: English.
 Names: Barry, Marion, 1936-2014
 Genre/Form: Newsletters -- 20th century
 Place: Adams Morgan (Washington, D.C.)
 Topic: Community life

[Adams Morgan ANC 1-C Newsletter, 1984 November](#)

3 Prints (11.5 x 17 inches; 3 pages)

Language: English.
 Genre/Form: Newsletters -- 20th century
 Place: Adams Morgan (Washington, D.C.)
 Topic: Community life

[Adams Morgan ANC 1-C Newsletter, 1984 December](#)

3 Prints (11.5 x 17 inches; 3 pages)

Language: English.
 Genre/Form: Newsletters -- 20th century
 Place: Adams Morgan (Washington, D.C.)
 Topic: Community life

Box 1, Folder 20

Rock Creek Monitor, 1978 February, 1978 April-May, 1978 July-September

[Rock Creek Monitor, 1978 February 03](#)

5 Prints (14.5 x 11.5 inches; 8 pages; 5 digital images)

Language: English.
 Topic: Newspapers
 Community life
 Place: Adams Morgan (Washington, D.C.)
 Mount Pleasant (Washington, D.C.)

[Rock Creek Monitor, 1978 April 29](#)

5 Prints (11.x x 14.5 inches; 8 pages; 5 digital images)

Language: English.

Topic: Newspapers -- 20th century
Community lifePlace: Adams Morgan (Washington, D.C.)
Mount Pleasant (Washington, D.C.)[Rock Creek Monitor, 1978 May 25](#)

5 Prints (11.5 x 14.5 inches; 8 pages; 5 digital images)

Language: English.

Topic: Newspapers -- 20th century
Community lifePlace: Adams Morgan (Washington, D.C.)
Mount Pleasant (Washington, D.C.)[Rock Creek Monitor, 1978 July 13](#)

5 Prints (11.5 x 14.5 inches; 8 pages; 5 digital images)

Language: English.

Topic: Newspapers -- 20th century
Community lifePlace: Adams Morgan (Washington, D.C.)
Mount Pleasant (Washington, D.C.)[Rock Creek Monitor, 1978 August 03](#)

5 Prints (11.5 x 14.5 inches; 8 pages; 5 digital images)

Language: English.

Topic: Newspapers -- 20th century
Community lifePlace: Adams Morgan (Washington, D.C.)
Mount Pleasant (Washington, D.C.)[Rock Creek Monitor, 1978 September 07](#)

5 Prints (11.5 x 14.5 inches; 8 pages; 5 digital images)

Language: English.

Topic: Newspapers -- 20th century
Community lifePlace: Adams Morgan (Washington, D.C.)
Mount Pleasant (Washington, D.C.)[Rock Creek Monitor, 1978 September 21](#)

6 Prints (11.5 x 14.5 inches; 8 pages and 1 leaflet; 6 digital images)

Language: English.

Topic: Newspapers -- 20th century
Community lifePlace: Adams Morgan (Washington, D.C.)
Mount Pleasant (Washington, D.C.)

[Rock Creek Monitor, 1978 October 05](#)

5 Prints (11.5 x 14.5 inches; 8 pages; 5 digital images)

Language: English.

Topic: Newspapers -- 20th century
Community life

Place: Adams Morgan (Washington, D.C.)
Mount Pleasant (Washington, D.C.)

[Rock Creek Monitor, 1978 November 16](#)

7 Prints (11.5 x 14.5 inches; 12 pages; 7 digital images)

Language: English.

Topic: Newspapers -- 20th century
Community life

Place: Adams Morgan (Washington, D.C.)
Mount Pleasant (Washington, D.C.)

[Rock Creek Monitor, 1978 November 30](#)

7 Prints (11.5 x 14.5 inches; 12 pages; 7 digital images)

Language: English.

Topic: Newspapers -- 20th century
Community life

Place: Adams Morgan (Washington, D.C.)
Mount Pleasant (Washington, D.C.)

[Rock Creek Monitor, 1978 December 14](#)

7 Prints (11.5 x 14.5 inches; 12 pages; 7 digital images)

Language: English.

Topic: Newspapers -- 20th century
Community life

Place: Adams Morgan (Washington, D.C.)
Mount Pleasant (Washington, D.C.)

[Rock Creek Monitor, 1979 January 11](#)

7 Prints (11.5 x 14.5 inches; 12 pages; 7 digital images)

Language: English.

Topic: Newspapers -- 20th century
Community life

Place: Adams Morgan (Washington, D.C.)
Mount Pleasant (Washington, D.C.)

[Rock Creek Monitor, 1979 January 25](#)

5 Prints (11.5 x 14.5 inches; 8 pages; 5 digital images)

Language: English.

Topic: Newspapers -- 20th century
Community life

Place: Adams Morgan (Washington, D.C.)
Mount Pleasant (Washington, D.C.)

[Rock Creek Monitor, undated](#)

5 Prints (11.5 x 14.5 inches; 8 pages; 5 digital images)

Language: English.
 Topic: Newspapers -- 20th century
 Community life
 Place: Adams Morgan (Washington, D.C.)
 Mount Pleasant (Washington, D.C.)

Box 1, Folder 22 The InTowner, Oct 1983

[The InTowner, 1983 October](#)

7 Prints (11.5 x 15 inches; 6 pages and 1 clipping; 7 digital images)

Language: English.
 Topic: Newspapers -- 20th century
 Community life

Box 1, Folder 23 The Washington Times special edition, circa 1980s

Box 1, Folder 24 The Washington Tribune, 1981 February 06, 1982 May 21 - September 09

[The Washington Tribune, 1982 August 27 - September 09](#)

1 Print (11 x 14.5 inches; 1 page; 1 digital image)

Language: English.
 Names: Nahikian, Marie Satenik, 1946-
 Genre/Form: Newspapers
 Place: Washington D.C., United States

Box 1, Folder 25 Photocopies of newspapers, 1981 June 11- 1984 June 07

Box 1, Folder 26 Newspaper clippings, 1980 April, 1983 August 31-September, 1983 November, 2001 April 26

[D.C. Tenant's Survival Guide, 1980 April](#)

7 Prints (11 x 15 inches; 12 pages; 7 digital images)

Language: English.
 Topic: Newspapers -- 20th century
 Landlord and tenant
 Place: Washington D.C., United States

Box 1, Folder 27 Newspaper clippings, 1983 November 10, 1984 February 16-28, 1984 November, undated

Box 1, Folder 28 Newspaper clippings, 1984 October 12 - 1985 January 18, undated

Subseries 3.2: Flyers, pamphlets, posters

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