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<b>Special Notes</b>	

- minutes: 304006A
- 0 introduction and background
  - 1 Gordon Square Arcade: description, historical businesses, Capital Theatre  
technology shift (telephone, television) and transportation shift (cars) effected area
  - 2 economy
  - 3 historical changes (ethnic neighborhood to "ghetto" to "hip" neighborhood)
  - 4 future plans for the Arcade
  - 5 Gordon Square neighborhood: self-contained
  - 6 "you name it-it was right here"
  - 7 urban issues: car culture, public transportation, crime
  - 8 nearby manufacturing plants provided a lot of jobs
  - 9 streetcars/trolleys: near west side
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  - 11 streetcars/trolleys: shift to "electric busses"
  - 12 Capital Theatre (Gordon Square Arcade): programming and events
  - 13 "it was the television of the day... that's what you did as a kid if you weren't [outside]"  
"people knew how to amuse themselves. You didn't need someone to manufacture something"
  - 15 Catholic Churches: center of social life in the area
  - 16 Our Lady of Mount Carmel festival
  - 17 Edgewater Park, Fourth of July festivities  
St. Coleman's Church: decline due to highway construction, public school decline,
  - 18 suburbs
  - 19 Gordon Square neighborhood: moving to suburbs versus staying put or returning
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  - 21 Our Lady of Mount Carmel: public versus private/catholic schools
  - 22 emphasizing catholic curriculum
  - 23 St. Coleman's Church: very large congregation, religion and American culture, morality
  - 24 Gordon Square neighborhood: morality and respect were the foundation of area culture  
Cleveland, Police: local police force was respected and authoritative/authoritarian
  - 25 (anecdotes)
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  - 28 St. Coleman's: locations of school and church buildings
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  - 30 Fr. Martin  
"just about every irish priest...ended up at st. coleman's", "it was a mecca for irish people"
  - 31 people"
  - 32 St. Patrick's Day Parade/St. Coleman's
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  - 34 Irish heritage/ethnic pride: daughter is "world-class [irish] dancer"
  - 35 importance of appreciating heritage, John F. Kennedy campaign visit to Cleveland
  - 36 Irish-Catholic values and family life

37 issues of race and ethnicity ("it was not as polarized as it is today")  
38 schools cannot teach values as well as families  
39 Zone Recreation Center/Herman Park: positive and negative aspects  
40 Herman Playground: "it wasn't seen as a...turf you had to protect"

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Rapid Station: "using it got to be scary [due to lighting, crime]", community input,  
0 renovation  
1 Ireland: public transit in US versus public transit in Ireland  
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3 historical preservation and historical appreciation/respect  
4 social and political culture  
St. Colemans retains Irish "sense of family", comparison to old Gordon Square  
5 neighborhood  
6 economic and infrastructure/construction issues  
7 European "sense of history"  
  
8 American culture: harsh competition for small businesses, American business culture  
9 fast-paced and unkind culture compared to Ireland (anecdotes)  
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Gordon Square neighborhood: "when I was growing up" it was more like Ireland (close-  
12 knit community)  
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Irish-Catholicism: "if you were irish, the biggest influence in your life was the church",  
15 fine line between ethnic pride and racism  
16 Catholic/Jesuit education (esp. St. Coleman's): quality and elitism  
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"part of the mystique of a jesuit education was they gave you self-awareness and  
18 confidence"  
19 standardized testing performance: comparison to Cleveland Public Schools  
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21 John Carroll University: comprehensive English examination was required  
22 family involvement is essential but lacking in many schools  
23 St. Colemans school: father worked there  
24 Men's Club, Christmas display, vandalism  
Gordon Square neighborhood: ongoing family interest/involvement in area, possible  
25 interview subjects  
26 possible interview subjects  
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29 Irish immigrant grandparents  
30 "there was a sense of community where people looked out for each other"  
  
31 "life was a lot simpler because everybody knew who they were supposed to be"  
32 anecdote about youthful outlook on work/money  
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34 Ireland: climate, anecdote about the heating at the Hazel Hotel in Shannon  
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36 Gordon Square Arcade: heating and cooling system evolved over time  
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38 rising cost of heating a building, "the middle class is being stamped out"  
39 challenges of starting a small business  
40 closing comments  
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42 end