

## Notes on Sources for blog post “Robert Moses and the Zoning of New York (Part I): Killing the Master Plan”

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Archival letters and documents came from two sources:

- The Rexford Tugwell Papers at the FDR Library at Hyde Park, <http://www.fdrlibrary.marist.edu/archives/collections/franklin/index.php?p=collections/findingaid&id=172>
- The New York Public Library Archives which house Robert Moses Papers, <https://archives.nypl.org/mss/2071>

The other sources are cited below.

### Notes

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“...thinking he might even run for president during the 1940 election”: Tugwell diary entry Feb. 28, 1940, Tugwell Papers.

“When World War II broke out, he was angling to be named Secretary of War.”: Tugwell diary entry August 6, 1940, Tugwell Papers.

“*It is my desire that hereafter...*”: Letter from La Guardia to Tugwell in letter dated August 24, 1939, Tugwell Papers.

Note that in a letter dated August 30, 1939, Tugwell wrote to La Guardia denying the charges that he conducted his hearing in an improper manner (Tugwell Papers)

“*An employee of your Commission...*”: Letter from La Guardia to Tugwell, dated October 20, 1939, Tugwell Papers.

“*Dear Rex: ...I must say that I was disappointed...*”: Letter to Tugwell from Robert Moses dated July 5, 1939, Tugwell Papers.

“*Dear Rex: The Park [sic] Department...*”: Letter to Tugwell from Robert Moses dated December 20, 1939, Tugwell Papers.

*“Dear Bob: The poinsettias are beautiful...”*: Letter to Robert Moses from Tugwell dated Dec. 21, 1939, Tugwell Papers.

*“I like to believe that I am a forward-looking conservative...”*: In: Moses, Robert. 1939. “Plan and performance.” In: *A Century of Social Thought*. Durham, N.C.: Duke University Press

*“The ultra conservative group consists...”* First Stafford Little Lecture at Princeton University, delivered by Robert Moses on April 15, 1940. NYPL Robert Moses Papers.

*“...which is unfit for living.”* First Stafford Little Lecture at Princeton University, delivered by Robert Moses on April 15, 1940. NYPL Robert Moses Papers.

*“...he went to bat for Tugwell on the billboards issue.”* “REALTY MEN FIGHT BILLBOARD CURBS: See Blow to a Revenue Source as Planning Body Opens Hearings on Rezonings.” *New York Times* (1923-); May 25, 1939, pg. 26.

*“...extending the elimination period to two years.”* “Proposed Curb on City Billboards Modified By Plan Board After a Flurry of Protests.” *New York Times*, Jun 28, 1939, p. 18.

*“Single-family zoning was formally embedded in the resolution.”* This is the Zoning Resolution formally adopted on June 28, 1940. The Resolution is in the Tugwell Papers.

*“...Tugwell complained in his diary. Found Moses had written LaG. bitter.”* Tugwell diary entry dated May 22, 1940, Tugwell Papers.

*“Dear Bob: I can’t think of anything...”*: Letter from Tugwell to Moses dated May 22, 1940, Tugwell Papers.

*“Dear Rex: The last thing I am looking for...”* Letter from Moses to Tugwell dated May 23, 1949, Tugwell Papers.

*“...imposed by zoning legislation and public works.”*: “MASTER CITY PLAN PUT BEFORE PUBLIC; GUIDES ALL ZONING: STAGES IN THE ...” *New York Times*, Dec 6, 1940, pg. 1.

*“This represents the kind of Ivory Tower...”* Letter from Moses to the City Planning Commission dated December 10, 1940, NYPL Moses Papers.

were “[L]ike a lot of sheep they shivered in the storm and asked for more by ‘continuing’ the hearings.” Tugwell diary entry, December 12, 1940, Tugwell Papers.

*“...after the city election in November of 1941.* Tugwell diary entry, December 14, 1940, Tugwell Papers.

*“...without any substantial compensating benefits.”* “City Master Plans Denounced as 'Time Bomb' With Threat of Inestimable Damage to Realty.” *New York Times*, Feb 22, 1941, pg. 32