

Town Meeting II—Town Meeting Mississippi 1979—1980

After the eventfulness of 203 town meetings held across the state of Mississippi concluding with a state assembly with 500 in attendance, the ICA faced the question of *how do you follow that act?* We still had space in the governor's office outside of Ruth Wilson's Office of Citizen Participation; we still had a Human Development Project, now going on its third year, in Pace. So we hit the road to see what could happen when a second town meeting was held in a community.

What do you do when residents are more or less awakened? We continued travelling around the state visiting colleagues we had met the year before and setting up follow-up meetings we named Town Meeting II. These were more serious, "get down to business" events reflecting residents' readiness to roll up their sleeves to work on physical and social changes in their towns. See Town Meeting: Mississippi News and Agenda for Town Meeting—May 19 from Okolona.



Terry McCabe leading a Town Meeting II in Kosciusko, fall 1979