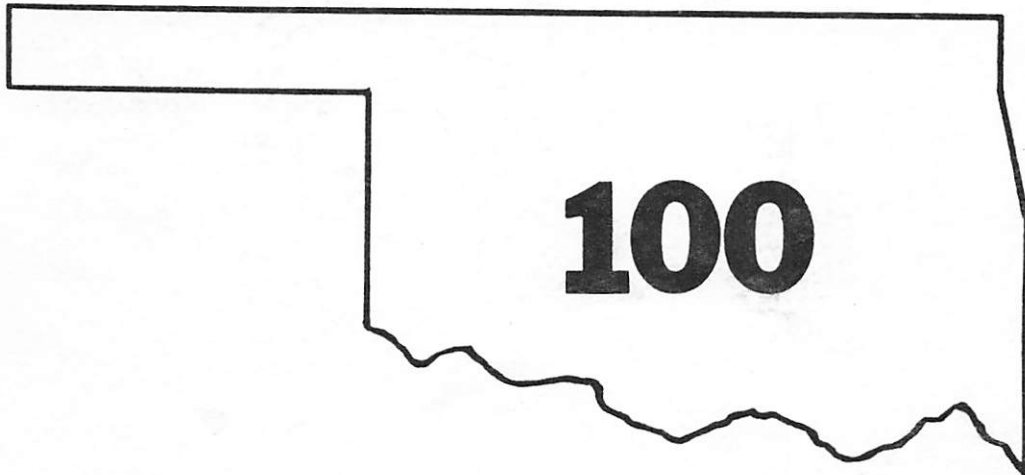


Town Meeting



Assembly

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THE OKLAHOMA COMMITTEE FOR
TOWN MEETING: OKLAHOMA 100

April 2, 1977

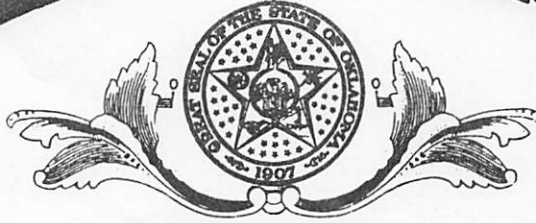


TOWN MEETING: OKLAHOMA
ASSEMBLY

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STATE OF OKLAHOMA



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

WHEREAS, during this 1976 Bicentennial year there have been twenty-six town meetings held in the State of Oklahoma which have reawakened the hope of our people for meaningful grass-roots participation in the conduct of their affairs; and

WHEREAS, the Town Meeting 76 program conducted with the cooperation and aid of the Oklahoma Bicentennial Commission has been a signal success and has given to our citizens a new vision of the possibilities of influence of the local citizens in the democratic process through the town meeting format; and

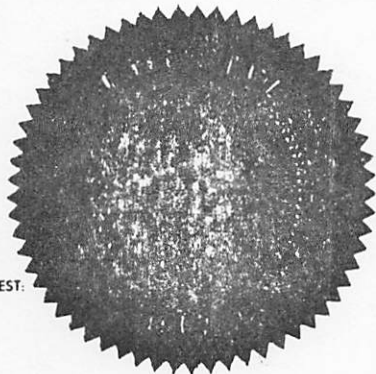
WHEREAS, it is in the public interest that encouragement and support be given to the continuation of the Town Meeting program beyond the limited term of the Bicentennial Commission in the hope that town meetings will become an annual event in the lives of the citizens of Oklahoma.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DAVID L. BOREN, GOVERNOR of the State of Oklahoma, do hereby proclaim Saturday, March 26, 1977 as

"TOWN MEETING: OKLAHOMA 100 DAY"

in the State of Oklahoma and do further request that the Oklahoma Bicentennial Commission assist and support the Town Meeting: Oklahoma 100 Project and request all employees of the State and all other Oklahoma citizens interested in taking advantage of this unique opportunity to attend the town meeting to be held in their area.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Oklahoma to be affixed.



Done at the Capitol, in the City of Oklahoma City, this 29th day of October, in the Year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and seventy-six, and of the State of Oklahoma the sixty-eighth year.

ATTEST:

George W. Boyd
SECRETARY OF STATE

David L. Boren
GOVERNOR

INTRODUCTION

The History of Town Meeting

Town Meeting is a uniquely American invention. The present Town Meeting program is a recasting of the original concept of participatory democracy. Its purpose is to recapture in these times the strength of citizen participation in community decision making.

Oklahoma Town Meeting 100

During the Bicentennial year, twenty six Town Meetings were held in Oklahoma. Interested participants from these first Town Meetings saw the benefits of this program. They founded a state wide steering committee to continue Town Meeting. The concept of "Oklahoma 100" was born. Upon request of the Committee, Governor David Boren declared, March 26, 1977, "Town Meeting" Oklahoma 100 Day." On that weekend, one hundred and two communities in the state held a Town Meeting. This represents approximately 10% of the communities in Oklahoma, a fine response to the Governor's proclamation.

The Prevailing Challenges

Each Town Meeting produced a document with two parts. One part described the challenges faced by the community, the other contained citizen proposals in response to those challenges. The documents reflected a surprising similarity in the concerns of communities, large and small, rural and urban. These challenges fell in the following major arenas:

- 1) creating a stable economic climate to sustain continuing growth.
- 2) increasing citizen awareness and participation.
- 3) focusing human resources toward building a strong community.
- 4) providing an environment that strengthens the quality of community life.
- 5) making available specific practical education to release effective participation.

The "Oklahoma 100" Town Meeting Assembly

The Town Meeting Oklahoma 100 Assembly is an event designed to draw together the most basic insights of the many proposals from across the state. It is also hoped that it will further motivate local communities to enable and implement the products of their deliberations. This document is the written summary of that event.

Should our Oklahoma document of April 2, 1977 appear to suggest that none of the proposed goals are presently being implemented, it might be well to state that the contrary is true. Oklahoma is doing much for self-improvement. Much has been accomplished to date. Now it is time for another chapter in our history. We could name this chapter "Town Meeting". Yes, "Town Meeting" is an addition to our unique history.

The Town Meeting coordinates action by individuals and organizations already working toward goals that are common to all of us. Often, however, the left hand does not know what the right hand is doing. Community-wise, they may be working to the same end, but without coordination.

Out of syncopation, the human melody is not nearly so sweet as when in harmony. Town Meeting serves as the choreographer to direct harmonious action toward community goals.

Hazel Morgan

Red Oak, Oklahoma

Report

THE COMMUNITIES UNDER 1000

Boley
Brooksville
Burns Flat
Calvin
Canton
Cardin
Carney
Cement
Coyle
Covington School
Davenport
Depew
Dover
Duston
Earlsboro
Elgin
Fletcher
Gans

Gracemont
Grant School
Harris School
Jet
Kaw City
Kiowa
Kinta
Lahoma
Lamont
Deer Creek School
Langston
Meeker
Meno
Meridian
Moffet
Nash
Okoche School
Pond Creek School

Porum
Randlett
Ratliff City
Rattan
Red Oak
Ringwood
Ripley
Shamrock
Shidler
Sterling
Stuart
Tryon
Verdon
Wann
Wapanuko
Warren
Wister
Wynard

COMMUNITIES UNDER 1,000

ECONOMIC

FUTURE DIRECTIONS (Title)	FUTURE DIRECTIONS - SENTENCES
PUBLIC SERVICE EXPAN- SION AND IMPROVEMENT	In towns of under 1,000 population in Oklahoma in 1977 a direction in the Economic Arena is: public water, sewer and trash improvements.
PROMOTION OF ECONOMIC GROWTH	In towns of under 1,000 population in the State of Oklahoma in 1977 a direction in the Economic Arena is: to establish means of economic growth to include jobs for young and old.
FUND RAISING FOR FEDERAL GRANTS	In towns of under 1,000 population in the state of Oklahoma in 1977 a direction in the Economic Arena is: the creation of a revenue reserve for federal grants.
CITIZEN PARTICIPATION AND INVOLVEMENT	In towns of under 1,000 population in the State of Oklahoma in 1977 a direction in the Economic Arena is: to develop a plan to genuinely involve all town and community citizens in community decisions and projects.
CORPORATE TAXATION	In towns of under 1,000 population in the State of Oklahoma in 1977 a direction in the Economic Arena is: to equalize taxes with neighboring communities.
GROWTH OF THE INCOR- PORATED COMMUNITY	In towns of under 1,000 population in the State of Oklahoma in 1977 a direction in the Economic Arena is: towards the growth of the incorporated community through purchase of land for new housing and industry as well as the upgrading of present housing in order to attract new residents.

COMMUNITIES UNDER 1,000

ECONOMIC

LOCAL APPROACHES (Title)	LOCAL APPROACHES - EXPLANATION
PUBLIC SERVICE EXPAN- SION AND IMPROVEMENT	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Organize Clean-up Day - divide town into sections, etc. 2. Circulate petition explaining benefits of sales tax increase. 3. Call together businessmen to look into development possibilities. 4. Inform businessmen of lower insurance rates that will result from fire protection program.
PROMOTION OF ECONOMIC GROWTH	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Inform the public of city finance through all available media. 2. Call for total support of all existing businesses. 3. Form interested citizens committee to study economic growth problems. 4. Study possible annexation of land for industrial tracts. 5. Produce local directory for small businesses.
FUND RAISING FOR FEDERAL GRANTS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Appoint committee to determine eligibility for federal money and foundation grants. 2. Establish local taxation. 3. Solicit local contributions. 4. Increase utility rates.
CITIZEN PARTICIPATION AND INVOLVEMENT	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Organize community clean-up day semi-annually. 2. Hold quarterly community luncheons. 3. Hold town birthday celebration annually. 4. Strategically locate town bulletin board. 5. Organize community planning committee of local people.
CORPORATE TAXATION	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Have an open city council meeting to discuss city budget, finances and city expenditures. 2. Publish flyers so people will have an idea of money coming into town and money spent.
GROWTH OF THE INCORPORATED TOWN	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Remove old buildings and apply for urban renewal grant. 2. Hold clean-up day. 3. Explore legal steps for land annexation and incorporation.

COMMUNITIES UNDER 1,000

POLITICAL

LOCAL APPROACHES (Title)	LOCAL APPROACHES - EXPLANATION
COMMUNICATION INVOLVEMENT AND SUPPORT	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Fund-raising drive that involves all people for a specific community need. 2. Youth employment center. 3. More youth activities that require parental involvement. 4. Use all available means to communication to inform the citizens on all issues.
INFORMED CITIZENS THROUGH IMPROVED COMMUNICATION	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Establish telephone committees to inform citizens of public meetings and events 2. Send announcements of community meetings and special events. 3. For special events, contact people door to door. 4. Quarterly publication of city budget.
COMMUNITY PRIDE	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Make community needs known through phone calls, newspapers and visiting neighbors. 2. Celebrate holidays and town anniversary by having picnics, dinners, rodeos, etc. 3. A committee to plan a clean-up day, provide trash cans and award a prize for the most improved yard, lot or ward. 4. Local organizations plant trees, shrubs and encourage homeowners to paint their buildings.
EFFECTIVE TOWN GOVERNMENT	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In service training for city councilmen and local residents through universities and colleges, vo-tech schools, adjoining communities and meeting participation. 2. Publish meeting times in newspapers, church bulletins, school newspapers and signs in visible places. 3. Have local ordinances made available to local residents. 4. Encourage attendance at council meetings through announcements in newspapers, calling friends, letting people know their ideas are welcome and attending yourself.

COMMUNITIES UNDER 1,000

POLITICAL

FUTURE DIRECTIONS (Title)	FUTURE DIRECTIONS Sentences
INFORMED CITIZENS THROUGH IMPROVED COMMUNICATIONS	In towns of under 1000 population in the State of Oklahoma in 1977, a direction in the political arena is a better informed citizenry through various modes of communication
COMMUNICATION, INVOLVEMENT & SUPPORT	In towns of under 1000 population in the State of Oklahoma in 1977, a direction in the political arena is more communications through the involvement and support of our local residents and elected city officials.
COMMUNITY PRIDE	In towns of under 1000 population in the State of Oklahoma in 1977, a direction in the political arena is to beautify by forming citizens committees in order to attract industry and more construction.
EFFECTIVE TOWN GOVERNMENT	In towns of under 1000 population in the State of Oklahoma in 1977, a direction in the political arena is updating and publicizing town ordinances, court procedures and management.

COMMUNITIES UNDER 1,000

CULTURAL

FUTURE DIRECTIONS
(Title)

FUTURE DIRECTIONS - SENTENCES

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT
OF ALL PEOPLE

In towns of under 1000 population in the State of Oklahoma in 1977, a direction in the cultural arena is to involve all the people of the town in community affairs.

SOCIAL AND EDUCATIONAL
DEVELOPMENT

In towns of under 1000 population in the State of Oklahoma in 1977, a direction in the cultural arena is to develop a community organization, select goals, and assign responsibilities.

ESTABLISHMENT OF
COOPERATIVE EFFORT FOR
COMMUNITY GOALS

In towns of under 1000 population in the State of Oklahoma in 1977, a direction in the cultural arena is holding meetings that involve all ages, listen to the needs of all, select common goals, communicate & inform of conditions in various cultures, organize and locate leadership, plan operations and encourage participation, continuous person to person contact, establish visible interests for community pride (parks and libraries, landscapings, etc.)

MORALS AND CRIME

In towns of under 1000 population in the State of Oklahoma in 1977, a direction in the cultural arena is to improve morals and decrease crime.

COMMUNITIES UNDER 1,000

CULTURAL

LOCAL APPROACHES (Title)	LOCAL APPROACHES - EXPLANATION
COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT OF ALL PEOPLE	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Encourage citizen participation by public acknowledgement 2. Community meetings 3. Encourage citizens to help "George do it" 4. Whisper campaign
ESTABLISHMENT OF COOPERATIVE EFFORT FOR COMMUNITY GOALS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Discuss issues with town officials 2. Establish town meeting schedule 3. Cross-representation committee 4. More personal responsibility
SOCIAL AND EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Discuss issues with town officials 2. Workshop for citizens education in city government 3. Create activities youth will get involved in 4. Secure services from specialists
MORALS AND CRIMES	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Bridge building for better relations with law enforcement 2. Report offenders to proper authorities 3. Stand behind law enforcement 4. Better law enforcement to include city courts

Report

THE COMMUNITIES UNDER 10,000

Alva
Anardarko
Antlers
Atoka
Bixby
Blackwell
Boise City
Broken Bow
Cherokee
Claremore
Clinton
Comanche
Cushing
Erick

Eufaula
Fairfax
Geary
Guthrie
Hartshorne
Holdenville
Idabel
Kingfisher School
Mangum
Marlow
Mountain View
Muldrow
Okemah
Panama

Perkins
Purcell
Quinton
Rush Springs
Stillwell
Tecumseh
Thomas
Tipton
Tonkowa
Wagoner
Walters
Watonga
West Bartlesville

COMMUNITIES UNDER 10,000

ECONOMIC

FUTURE DIRECTIONS (Title)	FUTURE DIRECTIONS - SENTENCES
BUSINESS/CONSUMER COMMUNICATION	In towns of under 10,000 population in the State of Oklahoma in 1977, a direction in the economic arena is better communication between the business community and consumers.
BETTER ECONOMY OF AVAILABLE FUNDS	In towns of under 10,000 population in the State of Oklahoma in 1977, a direction in the economic arena is better utilization of funds to provide for police force, health services, emergencies, city clean-up, street improvements and public projects.
ATTRACTING AND PLANNING FOR COMMUNITY INDUSTRIAL GROWTH	In towns of under 10,000 population in the State of Oklahoma in 1977, a direction in the economic arena is using city advisory committees, open forums, paid staff, etc. Types of industry such as small industry, tourism, and other growth industries, housing and other facilities will be needed to support this expansion.
PROVIDING FOR BASIC HUMAN NEEDS	In towns of under 10,000 population in the State of Oklahoma in 1977, a direction in the economic arena is to provide for housing, transportation and doctors' services and nurses' services for the elderly and dependent mothers.
KNOWING ECONOMIC AVAILABILITY	In towns of under 10,000 population in the State of Oklahoma in 1977, a direction in the economic arena is knowing the economic availability.
MINORITY BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES	In towns of under 10,000 population in the State of Oklahoma in 1977, a direction in the economic arena is increasing the role of minorities in the business world, and making more readily available information concerning management and employment opportunities.

COMMUNITIES UNDER 10,000

ECONOMIC

LOCAL APPROACHES (Title)	LOCAL APPROACHES - EXPLANATION
BUSINESS/CONSUMER	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Community bulletin board and suggestion box, organization or volunteer. 2. Provide a welcome wagon to develop new comers hospitality. 3. Form an economic affairs committee to serve as a community information center. 4. Hold open meetings between consumers and businessmen sponsored by Chamber of Commerce.
BETTER ECONOMY OF AVAILABLE FUNDS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Create a citizens committee to watch and suggest ways to spend available funds. 2. Appoint a planning committee to research ways to use available funds and make known to local officials 3. Local government proceedings of financial disbursements. 4. Broaden tax base to make equal for all citizens.
ATTRACTING AND PLANNING FOR COMMUNITY INDUSTRIAL GROWTH	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Paid staff to research potential industries develop, community prospectus and coordinate industrial development activities. 2. Public forums to coordinate community development 3. Developing a community business promotion taskforce 4: Regular newsletters and reports to keep community informed of community industrial development activities.
PROVIDE FOR BASIC HUMAN NEEDS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Community agencies provide workers to individually contact people in communities to provide them with information relative to their needs. 2. Organize Senior Citizens' Club to provide transportation for Senior Citizens. 3. Public Schools provided for adult education in communities, especially home economics and health care 4. Community provide support for a doctor's services in their community.
MINORITY BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. An interracial advisory committee should be created, composed of people from public and private sectors of the community. 2. Minority business people should become an active member of their local Chamber of Commerce. 3. The above committee should establish a local pool of information concerning sources of assistance such as; S.B.A., C.A.P., etc. 4. This committee should work to identify and eliminate barriers which prevent minorities from entering into business ownership.
KNOWING ECONOMIC AVAILABILITY	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Create an information center on basic human needs 2. Initiating a city sponsored block program to engage citizens 3. Make available information on existing resources. 4. Organize through city government a people participation day.

COMMUNITIES UNDER 10,000

POLITICAL

LOCAL APPROACHES (Title)	LOCAL APPROACHES - EXPLANATION
<p>PLANNED COMMUNITY EXPANSION</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Elect a 5 or 7 member group to promote industrial and economic expansion and utilize natural resources. 2. Develop a comprehensive plan to identify the most economical growth areas, capital improvement needs, and development of human resources. 3. Hold a monthly Town Meeting to coordinate and schedule community events, disseminate information, solve community problems, advise local officials and Chamber of Commerce.
<p>IMPROVE THE SENSITIVITY OF CITY GOVERNMENT TO ENTIRE COMMUNITY</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Elect representatives to city council from outside city limits, thereby leading to broader involvement. 2. Create a nominating committee for civic officers to attract more competent city officials. 3. Establish a public awareness committee to inform citizens of local issues. 4. Set up a dialog between county and city officials annually to promote more efficient government.
<p>REPORTING AND ACCOUNTABILITY TO CITIZENS</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Public groups make available to the media 24-hour advance notice of meetings, including agendas. 2. Media publicize notice and agenda. 3. Complete and factual accounting of meetings by the media. 4. Public groups use media to inform citizenry of accomplishments.
<p>MORE CITIZEN INPUT AND INVOLVEMENT</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Create a human resource file by a survey and questionnaire to determine available resources and talents. 2. Appoint liaison representatives from community groups to stimulate involvement. 3. Educate populace with Town Meetings and block surveys. 4. Involve youth in government by encouraging participation through civics courses.

COMMUNITIES OVER 10,000

POLITICAL

FUTURE DIRECTIONS
(Title)

FUTURE DIRECTIONS - SENTENCES

IMPROVE THE SENSITIVITY
OF CITY GOVERNMENT TO
ENTIRE COMMUNITY

In Towns over 10,000 a direction in the political arena is that people outside city limits have a voice in selecting city officials and a forum for participation in community planning.

PLANNED COMMUNITY
EXPANSION

In Towns over 10,000 a direction in the political arena is the need for meaningful comprehensive community planning through identification, assessment, projection of community needs through citizen participation, responsible budgeting, capable and dedicated city council members.

MORE CITIZEN INPUT
AND INVOLVEMENT

In Towns over 10,000 a direction in the political arena is to promote continuing neighborhood involvement through steering committees, youth activities, civic organization participation and more individual involvement.

REPORTING AND ACCOUNT-
ABILITY TO CITIZENS

In Towns over 10,000 a direction in the political arena is to improve citizen support and participation. We propose the government and news media acceptance of a share of the responsibility for encouraging and educating the community.

COMMUNITIES UNDER 10,000

CULTURAL

FUTURE DIRECTIONS (Title)	FUTURE DIRECTIONS - SENTENCES
DEVELOP EDUCATION PLAN	In towns of under 10,000 in the State of Oklahoma in 1977 a direction in the Cultural Arena is: to develop an education plan to keep all age level current with the times and informed of responsibilities, rights and privileges.
PROMOTE COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT	In towns of under 10,000 in the State of Oklahoma in 1977 a direction in the Cultural Arena is: to create interest in city improvement by involving both personal interest and professional help through paid Chamber of Commerce staff and then reporting factual information to the citizens through many channels.
HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL PROGRAMS	In towns of under 10,000 in the State of Oklahoma in 1977 a direction in the Cultural Arena is: to create an interest in the arts and humanities through extended educational programs. funded by the state, and through the use of grant funds, construct a town museum to preserve past arts and cultural heritages.
TOWN BEAUTIFICATION	In towns of under 10,000 in the State of Oklahoma in 1977 a direction in the Cultural Arena is: to promote community pride by beautifying the town through clean-up of trash and debris, and planting of trees, shrubs and flowers by volunteer workers and clubs.
DEVELOP COMMUNITY PLAN	In towns of under 10,000 in the State of Oklahoma in 1977 a direction in the Cultural Arena is: to develop a community plan for senior citizens and citizens in need.
ENCOURAGE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT	In towns of under 10,000 in the State of Oklahoma in 1977 a direction in the Cultural Arena is: to encourage parental responsibility in a comprehensive youth program.

COMMUNITIES UNDER 10,000

CULTURAL

LOCAL APPROACHES (Title)	LOCAL APPROACHES - EXPLANATION
ORGANIZE YOUTH COUNCIL	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Contact and organize through the school system. 2. Youth select own leadership. 3. Create plan of operation. 4. Involve through representation in civic affairs.
BEAUTIFY OUR TOWN	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Start and enforce clean-up campaign. 2. Enact and enforce zoning laws. 3. Instill citizen pride with a clean and attractive city. 4. Plan and promote special program dates.
ORGANIZE EDUCATIONAL AND HISTORICAL PROGRAMS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Preserve heritage through coordinating and organizing historical societies. 2. Establish museum with donations. 3. Promote educational TV. 4. Art and music planning through the school system.
DEVELOP COMMUNITY PLAN	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Hire coordinating manager for all events. 2. Create advisory and coordinating committees. 3. Draft economic master plan. 4. Obtain county and state assistance such as funds and resources.
PROMOTE COMMUNITY IN- VOLVEMENT	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Encourage Town Meeting "Grad" leadership. 2. Organize new citizen involvement. 3. Establish senior citizen programs. 4. Create human resources file.
PROVIDE CITIZEN EDUCATION PROGRAM	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Design career education programs. 2. Make challenges known to the school board. 3. Educate parents to needs of community education. 4. Encourage participation in city government.

Report

THE COMMUNITIES OVER 10,000

Ada
Bartlesville-
Sooner High School
Duncan
Lawton
Miami
Muskogee

Oklahoma City
South Oklahoma City
Okmulgee
Ponca City
Shawnee
Tulsa

COMMUNITIES OVER 10,000

ECONOMIC

FUTURE DIRECTIONS (Title)	FUTURE DIRECTIONS - SENTENCES
SELF RELIANCE, SAFETY & AVAIL- ABILITY OF SERVICES	In towns over 10,000 the fact that Senior Citizens are expressing a desire for self-reliance, needing public transportation, and convenient shopping and service areas where they have safety from personal harm and property loss.
CONSERVING RESOURCES	In towns over 10,000, citizens are looking to leaders in the local, state and federal governments for examples of how the elimination of waste, conserving and fully utilizing resources is possible.
CITIZENS EDUCATION & PARTICIPATION	In towns over 10,000 citizens are looking for a way to deal with the need to know how to use the natural and human resources and to direct the action needed to utilize what's available.
ECONOMIC SECURITY & PERSONAL SIGNIFICANCE	In towns over 10,000 citizens are looking to reduce crime and provide for a meaningful existence and future growth of a community there is a need to create meaningful ongoing jobs that are productive to the community with emphasis on the utilization of senior citizens resources.
CARE FOR AGING	In towns over 10,000 citizens are looking to make medical services more attainable for senior citizens.
UTILIZING RESOURCES	In towns over 10,000 citizens are looking to identify and match funds to community needs through town meetings.
PROMOTING AWARENESS	In towns over 10,000 citizens are looking to educate the community on the plight of the farmer and the over-regulation of the small businessman.

COMMUNITIES OVER 10,000

ECONOMIC

LOCAL APPROACHES (Title)	LOCAL APPROACHES - EXPLANATION
CITIZEN EDUCATION & PARTICIPATION	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Encourage open forums and town meetings at neighborhood precinct & city level over specific issues 2. Conduct surveys for citizens to express their ideas to assist in city and program planning 3. Conduct citizen award campaign in specific areas to promote awareness of responsible action there 4. Educate the American consumer about how agriculture affects the economy
CONSERVING RESOURCES	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Circulate petitions for the city council requesting conservation measures, linking techniques for conservation and illustration of the savings that would occur with 100 percent participation 2. News media begin photo campaign regarding resource wastage and publish weekly 3. Educate the consumer to ways to conserve farm products so that farm resources can go further
SEEKING INFORMATION ABOUT AVAILABLE SERVICES	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Create a task force to study transportation and housing 2. Develop a list of local doctors 3. Have medical speakers at senior citizens residents 4. Develop a coordination center for communities skills and services
CARE FOR AGING	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Have volunteers assist elders in daily activities such as shopping, cashing checks and securing prescribed medication 2. Have community provide volunteer security guards for senior citizen centers
UTILIZING LOCAL RESOURCES	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Use school buildings for community meetings 2. Match available funds with needed projects which would create jobs 3. Utilize senior citizens for volunteer jobs in the community 4. Utilize educational TV for local training

COMMUNITIES OVER 10,000

POLITICAL

LOCAL APPROACHES (Title)	LOCAL APPROACHES - EXPLANATION
CITIZEN PARTICIPATION	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Attend public meetings, e.g. school board, city council, county commissioner. 2. Voter registration drives. 3. Organize neighborhoods and elect Block Captains. 4. Initiate monthly multi-interest group meetings to plan the overall community government agency activities.
EFFECTIVE, INFORMED CITIZEN COMMUNICATION	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Utilize multi-media (TV, newspaper, radio) for coverage of regular public service activities. 2. Establish meetings with elected officials by small wards and/or districts. 3. Establish and/or utilize personal contact committees such as telephone call systems. 4. Promote community pride projects.
CITIZEN PARTICIPATION IN SAFETY PROGRAMS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Organize neighborhood watch programs to be done by citizens, i.e. street patrols.
CITIZEN GOVERNMENT UNDERSTANDING	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Citizen action groups to produce resolutions to send to government officials, etc. 2. Conduct more Town Meetings and open forums by citizens. 3. Visit public officials by local citizens. 4. Announce meeting times and hold open legislative hearings on a regular basis with in-depth media coverage.

COMMUNITIES OVER 10,000

POLITICAL

FUTURE DIRECTIONS (Title)	FUTURE DIRECTIONS - SENTENCES
CITIZEN PARTICIPATION	In towns of over 10,000 population in the State of Oklahoma in 1977, a direction in the Political Arena is: to stimulate citizen participation in city, county and state political processes.
EFFECTIVE INFORMED CITIZEN PARTICIPATION	In towns of over 10,000 population in the State of Oklahoma in 1977, a direction in the Political Arena is: effective, informed citizen participation and communication with local government.
SAFETY IS CITIZEN RESPONSIBILITY	In towns of over 10,000 population in the State of Oklahoma in 1977 a direction in the Political Arena is: direction of citizen participation.
UNITED WE STAND DIVIDED WE FALL	In towns of over 10,000 population in the State of Oklahoma in 1977, a direction in the Political Arena is: more understanding between citizens and government.

COMMUNITIES OVER 10,000

CULTURAL

FUTURE DIRECTIONS
(Title)

FUTURE DIRECTIONS - SENTENCES

ENHANCEMENT OF
CULTURAL AND RECREAT-
IONAL INVOLVEMENT

In Towns over 10,000 a direction in the cultural arena is creative celebration enabled by individual participation and community sponsorship in cultural and recreational activities.

INFORMATION
DISSEMINATION

In Towns over 10,000 a direction in the cultural arena is creating a comprehensive community information network.

CITIZENSHIP AND
FAMILY VALUES

In Towns over 10,000 a direction in the cultural arena is stressing more parental guidance and responsibility in the home and involvement in the educational process in the community.

COMMUNITIES OVER 10,000

CULTURAL

LOCAL APPROACHES
(Title)

LOCAL APPROACHES - EXPLANATION

ENHANCE CULTURAL AND
RECREATIONAL
INVOLVEMENT

1. Pass on senior citizens skills through arts and crafts festivals.
2. Enable transportation to public events through a central transportation network for senior citizens.
3. Involvement of business and industry in education through Jr. achievement programs and sponsor outstanding awards to educators.
4. Creating multi-ethnic Cultural Board through coordinating cultural and ethnic education in school system.

INFORMATION
DISSEMINATION

1. Create senior citizens newsletter through an area-wide Aging Agency.
2. Public meetings to set priorities through neighborhood association Town Meetings.
3. Public Service Education Programs information compiled by community board.
4. In-depth media coverage to make public aware of total community picture through using PBS with a weekly spot on community happenings called "YOUR COMMUNITY ALIVE".

CITIZENSHIP AND FAMILY
VALUES

1. Parent participation in the schools, through teacher-parent conferences in schools.
2. Parent Accountability regarding youth through guidance programs.
3. Family involvement in community through participation in civic programs.
4. Church-initiated community programs through sponsoring youth groups.

TOWN MEETING: OKLAHOMA 100
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INTRODUCTION - THE OKLAHOMA CITY SCHOOLS.

The History of the Schools Program.

March 26th, 1977 was declared by the Governor of the State of Oklahoma, David Boren, as Town Meeting: Oklahoma 100 Day. The program was conceived initially for citizens of local communities. However, in the process of developing the program, some persons with a special interest in education and youth, saw the potential for the Town Meeting program to be used as an educational device. The suggestion was taken to the members of the Oklahoma City School Board and discussed. It was decided during that discussion that the week beginning March 28th, 1977 would be a week of intensive experimentation with this methodology. The following reports state some of the preliminary reflections of the persons who participated as consultant-enablers and as teacher participants and student-participants.

Oklahoma City Schools.

Town Meetings were held over the entire Oklahoma City School system, with 72 being held in Elementary Schools, 10 in Middle Schools, and one High School pilot presentation. The training of the teachers as workshop leaders was done through a TV demonstration. Modified workbooks, with the look and feel of comic books, were given to all the children who participated.

Impact.

In many cases, the whole school became involved in the day. Entertainment took many forms. Peanut scrambles, Indian dancers, and the visit of a Rodeo Horse were just a few of the ideas. State dignitaries spoke at some of the schools. The students and teachers had a great day. Each of them was involved in creative decision-making. Over the whole city school system, the opportunity for taking a new relationship to the community and school students and teachers live and work in, was offered.

Design.

The issues of the community and school were stated and then practical proposals to deal with the issues were created. Teachers were amazed that so much could be done in so short a time. One teacher commented, "It was like condensing the semester's social studies curriculum and experiencing it in one day". Teachers found the relationship between group work and individual creativity was most releasing. The plenary at the end of the day, when the school's new song, story, and symbol were dramatized, was a celebrative event.

Benefits.

Comments were made by some school administrators that during the day, there were less disciplinary problems than normal. It may be the case that student involvement in the decision-making process bore some relationship to that. The plenary session, when the results were read, reflected honor on all those who participated - students, teachers, and consultants. Often, the day ended with a giddiness and exhaustion which came from the excitement and hard work of all those concerned.

Report

THE
ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS
REPORT.

SCHOOL TOWN MEETINGS DESIGN ADAPTATION

The following paragraphs sketch by school level the design, impact and implication of doing school Town Meetings as one-day curriculum events. It was the decision of the Oklahoma City School Board which allowed the Town Meeting idea to be sown throughout the local school system. Likewise, it was the labor of classroom teachers, principals, administrators and parents which practically made the system-wide event the success it was.

The High School Town Meeting was done in the form of a pilot demonstration. 265 students and 30 teachers and principals representing the 14 schools met at the Central Office Auditorium on Thursday, March 31, 1977. Using the regular Town Meeting format and workbooks 6 groups did challenge and proposal workshops. One group wrote a song, story and symbol. The leadership for this demonstration was done by consultants from the Committee for Town Meeting Oklahoma 100. The students and teachers present will provide the leadership and coordination for the Town Meeting in their own schools on April 14, 1977.

Each of the 11 middle schools held a Town Meeting on Thursday, March 31, 1977. The Town Meeting workbook was adapted for middle schools by ICA consultants for use in a mass education situation where the workshop leaders would receive minimal training in procedures.

Kindergarten through fifth grade pupils followed a modified design for school Town Meetings which allowed local modification based on the input from classroom teachers. However, as a whole, the same basic procedural components of the Town Meeting model were provided for each of the 72 participating elementary schools. That is, each school had total pupil assemblies, challenge workshops, proposal workshops and story articulation workshops.

The impact of the day affirmed the fact that educating our youngest citizens and providing them a way to articulate their concerns and ideas is foundational to a democratic system which relies on individual responsibility. Parents and educators were likewise affirmed as to the key roles they perform in making available concepts and skills essential for living in our times. Clearly, the system-wide Town Meetings established the precedent for similar and other meaningful participatory opportunities for the students in the Oklahoma City Schools.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS -- FUTURE DIRECTIONS

IN THE OKLAHOMA CITY ELEMENTARY PUBLIC SCHOOLS, THE DIRECTIONS FOR THE FUTURE OF OKLAHOMA CITY ARE:

DIRECTIONS	ILLUSTRATIONS
CORPORATE SHARING AND INVOLVEMENT IN SCHOOL ACTIVITIES	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Bring extra lunches for those who haven't any and to help the poor. 2. School safety classes. 3. More P.T.A. involvement. 4. Organize youth activities through the schools to keep kids out of trouble. 5. Better provision and care of playground equipment, e.g. student paint-up.
PHYSICAL IMPROVEMENTS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Clean-up days and litter control signs in schools. 2. Sidewalks so children don't have to walk on streets. 3. Plant flowers and gardens, and clean and mow our own lawns. 4. "Children playing" and "Garbage Control" signs.
CONSERVE ENERGY AND RESOURCES	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Turn off lights at 11:00. 2. Air conditioners after June 1. 3. Recycle paper and bottles.
BETTER LAWS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Petitions to the city hall. 2. More police protection. 3. Learn to obey the rules. 4. Night-time curfew.
MEETINGS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Organize neighborhood meetings and block meetings. 2. Organize community work groups.

Report

THE
MIDDLE SCHOOLS
REPORT.

MIDDLE SCHOOLS -- FUTURE DIRECTIONS

IN THE OKLAHOMA CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS AT THE MIDDLE SCHOOL LEVEL, DIRECTIONS FOR THE FUTURE OF OKLAHOMA CITY ARE:

DIRECTIONS	ILLUSTRATIONS
COMMUNITY YOUTH AND RECREATION PROGRAMS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Organizing youth clubs and securing counselors. 2. More recreation centers.
COMMUNITY EVENTS FOR IMPROVEMENT AND PLANNING	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Collection days for recyclable materials. 2. Monthly block meetings. 3. Education opportunities for all residents.
COMMUNITY BEAUTIFICATION	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Oklahoma City clean-up day. 2. Keep trash off streets.
GREATER COOPERATION THROUGH COMMUNICATION	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Regular community meetings to carry out improvement plans. 2. More parent-teacher conferences. 3. Broader use of media for public service announcements.

TOWN MEETING SCHOOL SONGS

OKLAHOMA IS THE CITY
(Tune: Boomer Sooner)

Oklahoma is the city
It is great and not so small
North East 10th. Street smells a little bit
But, we're working on it, so It'll be fit

NORTH HIGHLANDS
(Tune: Something to sing about)

Our name is North Highlands/
We are number one/
We don't always play, but we always have fun.

We have some soccer games, softball and other things/
We and our talents create a new day.

We care for our community/
Know that we'll always be/
People who care, and create a new day.

We want you to know that we're ready to go.
Give us the signal and we'll be on our way.

OKC
(Tune: Yesterday)

OKC, you are twice the town you used to be. We can't say
how much you mean to me. Oh, we believe in OKC.

Now and then, I can hear the voice of Ellison. Midst the
sound of your construction.

Oh, we can grow with OKC, Pro Sports, Subways, are all hopes
that we have for OKC. Oh, we believe in the town that your
promising to be OKC.

You're our hopes and dreams for all to see. There's no shadow
hanging over thee. Oh, I believe in OKC. Oh, I believe in OKC.

OKLAHOMA'S DANDY
(Tune of Yankee Doodle)

Oklahoma is my town
Fine and dandy, too
I would like to help my town
And clean it up with you.

Oklahoma keep it up
Oklahoma's dandy
Help the people clean it up
And we will think you're handy.

Report

THE
HIGH SCHOOLS PILOT
REPORT.

HIGH SCHOOLS -- FUTURE DIRECTIONS

IN THE OKLAHOMA CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS AT THE HIGH SCHOOL LEVEL, DIRECTIONS FOR THE FUTURE OF OKLAHOMA CITY ARE:

DIRECTIONS	ILLUSTRATIONS
<p>MAKE SCHOOLS HUB OF INVOLVEMENT FOR WHOLE CITY IN CIVIC AFFAIRS</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Use school directed media (school newspapers, journalism departments, radio and TV. 2. Make Town Meetings an annual event. 3. Establish youth works program per local areas.
<p>ADULT AND STUDENT COORDINATED PLANNING EFFORT FOR SCHOOL SYSTEM</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. System wide budget planning meetings. 2. Use school directed media.
<p>IMPROVING JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM AND PUBLIC WORKS SYSTEM</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Study by state and local officials. 2. Youth and adult pressure for positive change.

SCHOOL TOWN MEETING SYMBOLS

OKLAHOMA CITY

By a river on the plains
A beautiful city had begun
This city started that day
Because brave people made
the run

From wagons, huts, and tents
The city grew and grew
It's now a great big city
Because the people knew what
to do.

We are proud of our city-
The best place to live.
It will continue to grow,
If we all learn to give.



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