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Maryland
State
Town Meeting
Assembly
Report

Assembly location: Anne Arundel Community
college
date: February 11th, 1978

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MARYLAND STATE
TOWN MEETING: ASSEMBLY

1. COMMUNITY REPORTS

- MAJOR ISSUES:
1. Unsafe Streets
 2. Insufficient Housing
 3. No public transportation
 4. Unemployment
 5. Poor sa-itation Services
 6. Unresponsive Co. Government
 7. A lot of unused land
 8. Money leaving Community
 9. Apathy
 10. Inadequate Health Care
 11. Poor Quality Education

- PROPOSED ACTIONS:
1. Task Force to Study other forms of govt.
 2. Van for public transportation
 3. Better Housing Proposal to Co. Gov't.
 4. Central clearing house of Information on services available
 5. Parks and recreation areas made available, lighted during off hours.
 6. Voting members to council from High School.
 8. Investigate possibilities of a food Coop.

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- THE LONG RANGE NEED:
1. Awareness and concentration of community effort to self-help
 2. People getting involved
 3. Housing
 4. Getting people more involved INSIDE the county
 5. Mechanism for middle class people to use public-schools.
 6. Need organization around a specific concern.
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<u>COUNTY/ COMMUNITY</u>	<u>KEY PROPOSALS</u>
CARROLL CO.	Change form of County Government from Commissioner to Home Rule.
HARFORD CO.	A nucleus group to pinpoint need and appeal for concern through media.
CHESAPEAKE BEACH	Form a concerned Citizen's Group
EASTON	Organizing Meeting with community leaders for citizens to participatin in the solutions.
ST. MARY'S COUNTY	Form a citizen's committee to make community aware of issues.

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SOLUTIONS:

SEE:

1. Children Participate in community clean up
2. Petition from Youth "We Want" into Newspaper
3. Town Meeting Symbol on Church bulletin back cover
4. Some event around a college event.
5. A Booth at a public event

DO:

1. Preschool event that will draw parents
2. Make "Youth Week" a highly visible event
3. Fish Fry
5. Churches have a community concern Sunday and put Town Meeting seal out front
5. Larger and more representative Town Meeting.

THINK:

1. Use PTA AS A PLANNING TIME
2. Speakers Bureau on planning
3. Make Suggestion Boxes

EASTON: Before we can have better housing, better transportation and better sewage systems, one of the first things necessary for the community of Easton is to use the symbol and song on church bulletins with questions in order to have an organizing meeting with community leaders.

CARROL CO. Before we can organize around a specific need one of the first things necessary for the community of CARROLL COUNTY is to plan an event (a pageant, a drama) involving various segments of the community around the rededication of Alumni Hall of U.M.C. in order to form an organization to continue to work for social change.

ST. MARY'S Before we can get people more involved inside the county, one of the first things necessary for the community of St. Mary's is to hold an open house at the fire hall in order to unite interested people to help them see what can be achieved.

HARFORD Before we can build a nucleus group to pinpoint needs, one of the first things necessary for Harford County is to have the churches hold a community concern Sunday and a larger, more representative town meeting in order to appeal for community concerns and involvement.

CHESAPEAKE BEACH Before we can get people involved, one of the first things necessary for the community of Chesapeake Beach is to have the children participate in community clean up day, in order to get the youth and adults together for the better of the town of Chesapeake Beach.

CHARLES VILLAGE Before we can improve the quality of Barclay Street Elementary School one of the first things necessary for the community of Charles Village is to hold a 3 hour special emphasis town meeting on the local school in order to form a diverse task force to deal with local and citywide quality improvements.

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MOTIVATING EVENT: IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

CHARLES VILLAGE: WHAT: 3 Hour Town Meeting with special emphasis on Barclay St. Eelmentary School and form a broad based task force.

 WHEN: April 4, 7 - 10 p.m. at Barclay Street Eëementary School

 HOW: Meet with Arlene and Larry Fogetron, Lind and Jeff Read, the Holmes and Lary Shugarmann, the school principal and various organization presidents and inkind refreshments. Publically Announce through Greater Homewood newsletter and church bulletins.

 WHO: Barclay St. PTA; Charles Village Civic Assoc; Harwood Community Org; Arlene Gogetron's group. The Participants should include School Principal , a teach and members of the PTA.

CHESAPEAKE
BEACH

 WHAT: Getting people involved through children participating in community clean up day.

 WHEN: March 13, 1978, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at Chesapeake Beach.

 HOW: Through school system, posters in post-office, posters at town hall and announced on the radio station.

 WHO: John Stzaub, Mary Straub, David Innocente, Patsy Innocente, Tom Burrough, Pat Burrough and children through ages 5 - 13 years.

EASTON

 WHAT: Breakfast for an organizing meeting.

 WHEN: March 12, 1978 7:00 a.m. at Asbury U.M. Church

 HOW: Through a food and planning committee and announced through newspaper, church, bulletins with symbol and song.

 WHO: Elks, American Legion, Blake and Blackstone Post, Public Service Organizations with community leaders and others.

CARROLL COUNTY

 WHAT: A happening at the Alumni Hall UMC involving Drama, a pageant and speakers involving community groups.

 WHEN: fall, 1978 (NOVEMBER 4th) at Alumni Hall, West. Md. Col.

 HOW: Schedule hall. organize committess and announce through radio, newspapers, posters etc.

 WHO: Representatives of community groups, service clubs, women's clubs, church, homemakers and involve members of these community groups.

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MOTIVATING EVENTS, IMPLEMENTATION PLAN:

ST. MARY'S

- WHAT: Hold an OPEN HOUSE (Spaghetti dinner) by getting together a group of 10 of all ages to organize youth week.
- WHEN: March 4, 1978, 6-9:00 p.m. at Mechanicsville Firehall.
- HOW: Get permission for firehall, get food, send invitations, decorations and program, choose slogan-theme and get a ~~sponsor~~ sponsor and announce through newspapers, radion and posters.
- WHO: Bernadette ~~RENTZ~~, Ellen Richardson, Linda Furlough, Keith Tucker, Lisa Barber, Jack Kosnik. Participating groups will be county comssion, ministers, media, 4-H, scouts, general public and parents.

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