

**TOWN
MEETING
KENTUCKY**

INTERIM REPORT
June, 1978

<u>COUNTY</u>	<u>COMMUNITY</u>	<u>COUNTY</u>	<u>COMMUNITY</u>
Adair	Portland	Knox	Corbin
Allen	Clay Pool	Larue	New Haven
Anderson	Alton Station	Laurel	Corbin
Ballard	Barlow	Lawrence	Blaine
Barren	Park City	Lee	Beattyville
Bath	Salt Lick	Leslie	Cutshin
Bell	Stoney Fork	Letcher	Neon
Boone	Walton	Lewis	Concord
Bourbon	N.Middletown	Lincoln	Crab Orchard
Boyd	Ashland	Livingston	Salem
Boyle	Perryville	Logan	Schochoh
Bracken	Brooksville	Lyon	Eddyville
Breathitt	Jackson	McCracken	Grahamville
Breckenridge	Cloverport	McCreary	Whitely City
Bullitt	Mt. Washington	McClellan	Island
Butler	Morgantown	Madison	Kirkville
Caldwell	Flat Rock	Magoffin	Salyersville
Calloway	Hazel	Marion	Lebanon
Campbell	Highland Heights	Marshall	Sharp
Carlisle	Bardwell	Martin	Warfield
Carroll	Carrollton	Mason	Washington
Carter	Carter	Meade	Brandenburg
Casey	Liberty	Menifee	Frenchburg
Christian	Crofton	Mercer	Burgin
Clark	Winchester	Metcalfe	Edmonton
Clay	Manchester	Monroe	Fountain Run
Clinton	Albany	Montgomery	Jeffersonville
Crittendon	Marion	Morgan	West Liberty
Cumberland	Marrow Bone	Muhlenberg	Drakesboro
Daviess	Utica	Nelson	Bloomfield
Edmonson	Brownsville	Nicholas	Carlisle
Elliott	Sandy Hook	Ohio	Hartford
Estill	Irvine	Oldham	Pewee Valley
Fayette	Lexington	Owen	Monterey
Fleming	Flemingsburg	Owsley	Booneville
Floyd	Wayland	Pendleton	Butler
Franklin	Graefenburg	Perry	Vicco
Fulton	Hickman	Pike	Elkhorn City
Gallatin	Glencoe	Powell	Furnace
Garrard	Lancaster	Pulaski	Somerset
Grant	Dry Ridge	Robertson	Mt. Olivet
Graves	Wingo	Rockcastle	Livingston
Grayson	Caneyville	Rowan	Morehead
Green	Greenburg	Russell	Jamestown
Greenup	Worthington	Scott	Sadieville
Hardin	West Point	Shelby	Shelbyville
Hancock	Hawesville	Simpson	Providence
Harlan	Loyall	Spencer	Taylorsville
Harrison	Cynthiana	Taylor	Mansville
Hart	Bonnieville	Todd	Elkton
Henderson	Corydon	Trigg	Cadiz
Henry	Eminence	Trimble	Bedford
Hickman	Clinton	Union	Uniontown
Hopkins	Nortonville	Warren	Clay Pool
Jackson	McKee	Washington	Springfield
Jefferson	Louisville	Wayne	Monticello
Jessamine	Wilmore	Webster	Clay
Johnson	Paintsville	Whitely	Corbin
Kenton	Covington	Wolfe	Campton
Knott	Pippa Passes	Woodford	Versailles

Tune: "Rachel, Rachel"

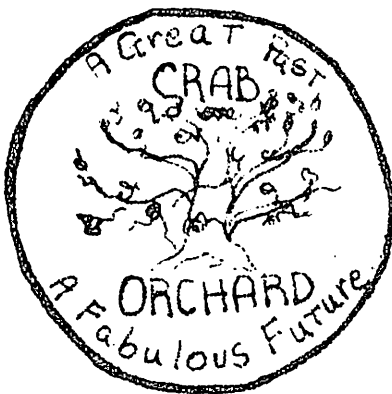
Salem, Salem! We've been thinking what a great
place this could be,
If we all could work together to improve our community.

Salem, Salem! We've been working and
we have results to show,
But we need us all together in order for us to grow.

Salem, Salem! Don't stop working.
Keep on grasping for the sky.
For we need to keep on growing
so that Salem will not die.

Tune: "Cruising Down The River"

Cruising down the river,
soon Westpoint you will see.
A park, a fort, the young and old
You'll love it, yes siree.
Our roots are in our history
We're proud as we can be
Cruising down the river
A future bright we see.



THE STORY

"Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow"

Once upon a time there was a land
rich in forest, salt and coal.

The people now are working
together to develop all the
resources available.

Tomorrow we shall look upon a land
of proud people with jobs,
services, and unified goals:
the pride of Kentucky.

"If every county in
this state had one of
these meetings and the
people got together
afterward, it could
really make a differ-
ence to the whole
state."

Meade County
Town of Brandenburg

Hartford's Song
(Tune: "My Bonnie")

We're proud of the city of Hartford
It's far from perfection we're sure.
We all have to work for our home town,
so we'll win K-Y cities award!

Hartford, Hartford! We'll all pull
together to help each other.
Hartford, Hartford! By working
together we'll win!

"We decided to do it!
If you come back,
you'll see us out
going from door to
door to do it."

Harlan County
Town of Layall



This Town The Best In The State
(Tune: "My Old Kentucky Home")

The sunshines bright in our
Monticello own
'Tis spring time, the dogwoods
in bloom.
From our small town spirit
Our dreams we must update
To make this town the best one
in the state!

The Valley of Glencoe

Down in the valley
The valley so low
We have a hometown
Known as Glencoe.

The people are workers,
With a dream in their hearts
They're proud of their past
That gave them their starts.

Their plans for tomorrow
Begin with today.
The Valley of Glencoe
Is now on its way.



"It was fun. We worked
together for something
real".
Christian County
Crofton

A SUMMARY OF PROPOSALS FROM 120 TOWN MEETINGS

A PROPOSAL IS a plan of action that meets the Challenge.

BEAUTIFYING THE TOWN

hold clean up campaign
create a park
instigate zoning ordinance
involve youth groups in beautification

AFFORDING HEALTH SERVICES

start first aid training
recruit volunteers for rescue squad
start elders food program
visit town that built a clinic

SUPPORTING LAW ENFORCEMENT

local police visit school classes
promotion of county wide police protection
demonstrate fire truck not getting through traffic

MOTIVATING COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP

meet with elected representatives
encourage capable candidates
hold annual outstanding citizens day
have all organizations represented at Town Meeting

ENCOURAGING CITIZEN INVOLVEMENT

conduct survey of residents
engage youth in planning events
door to door invitation to events
send flyers home with school children

IMPROVING LOCAL COMMUNICATIONS

each club appoint an information officer
use a community bulletin board
start local newspaper
establish telephone committee

INSURING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

create local development association
improve appearance of Main St.
relate local resources and skills to market demands
meet with Department of Commerce

STIMULATING COMMUNITY PRIDE

paint community building
create "Hometown" brochure
study local history
community slogan contest in schools

CREATING RECREATIONAL PLANS

volunteers build playground equipment using available supplies
youth create center in presently empty building
hold community picnic
plan annual Festival day

DEVELOPING LAND USE PLAN

remove delapidated buildings for no charge form zoning committee
development sanitary land fill plan
lobby Corps of Engineers for flood control

HOLDING REGULAR TOWN MEETINGS

quarterly supper meeting for whole town
discuss community issues
hold "town design" contest
speakers to inform about issues

A SUMMARY OF THE CHALLENGES FROM 120 TOWN MEETINGS

A CHALLENGE IS an underlying issue that blocks the hopes and dreams of the people.

DETERIORATING TOWN APPEARANCE

pollution of local streams
closed-up stores
trash and litter on roads
empty, dilapidated buildings

INADEQUATE AGENCY SERVICES

medical help too far away
people unaware of available services
no local or nearby pharmacy
welfare abuse

INEFFECTIVE SAFETY MEASURES

inadequate fire protection
increasing crime and drug use
dogs and other animals running loose
minimal police protection

OVERBURDENED LOCAL LEADERSHIP

community has no common goal
inactive, tired or negative leaders
few candidates for local office
no spokesman, or community coordination

LIMITED CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

low attendance at meetings
local people not involved in planning
youth not motivated to participate
"Let George do it"

DIVISIVE COMMUNITY GROUPINGS

friction between groups
communication barriers
poor media coverage of community issues
poor support of community wide events

UNDERDEVELOPED ECONOMIC RESOURCES

difficulty in attracting new industry
few good paying jobs in town
over dependance on one crop or industry
limited training for skilled labor

OVEREMPHASIZED INDIVIDUALISM

distrust of political structures
fear of higher taxes
land owners unwilling to sell
undefined community-county responsibilities

LIMITED RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

no childrens playground
youth need gathering places and programs
few suitable meeting places in town
senior citizens need leadership

UNPLANNED LAND USE

limited available land for new construction
non-existent zoning laws
need for more parking space
inadequate flood control

OUTDATED COMMUNITY SERVICES

sewer systems underdeveloped
inadequate water systems
road maintenance political issue
limited garbage and trash pick up

TOWN MEETING: KENTUCKY / A FOUR-PHASE PROJECT

I	II	III	IV
INITIATION	DEMONSTRATION	SIGNAL PROJECT	EXPANSION
1976-77	1978	1978-79	1978-79
4 Town Meetings	116 Town Meetings	2-Year Human Development Project Widen, W. Va.	Many Town Meetings in Selected Counties

Town Meeting: Kentucky is a four-phase project. The following is a report through Phase III:

PHASE I: INITIATION

The Town Meeting Program in Kentucky began with Town Meeting '76. During this phase there were four town meetings held in Kentucky.

Kenton County	Covington	March 27, 1976
Knox County	Corbin	November 13, 1976
Jefferson County	Louisville	November 13, 1976
Pulaski County	Somerset	February 19, 1977

PHASE II:

During April and May of 1978, a Town Meeting demonstration was held in the remaining 116 counties. 14 of those were "mini-meetings" lasting less than ½ hour. The others were 2-3 hour meeting with attendance ranging from 2 through 44.

Mini-Meetings	NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS				
	Less Than 5	5-9	10-19	20-40	40+
14	8	29	38	21	10

"If neighborhoods took care of themselves, the town would be taken care of
Highland Heights, Campbell Ct

TOWN MEETING

PURPOSE

Today our society is at a crossroads between the past and the future of local community. Citizens experience the loss of neighborliness, family disintegration, chaos in educational institutions, the increase in crime, and cynicism about the political process. At the same time, the ability of local community to deal effectively with these problems is diminishing as its identity and cohesiveness is absorbed in growing complexity. The apathy resulting from this dilemma often robs communities of valuable citizen initiative and creativity.

A serious question facing small and large towns alike today is how can more local citizens become motivated, trained, and effectively engaged in the vital task of meeting our challenges? Or, how can the spark of community pride and local initiative be rekindled?

The Town Meeting is one answer to the dilemma. A local community forum; it provides an opportunity for a representative number of citizens to meet those challenges using the resources available within the community.

FORMAT

PAST ACHIEVEMENTS		FUTURE DREAM	
1.		1.	
2.		2.	
3.		3.	
4.		4.	
5.		5.	
PRESENT CONCERNS			
ECONOMIC		POLITICAL	CULTURAL
1.★		1.□	1.○
2.○		2.★	2.○
3.□		3.★	3.□
SONG-STORY-SYMBOL CREATION			
BLOCKS TO HOPES AND DREAMS			
★	○	□	
1.	1.	1.	
2.	2.	2.	
3.	3.	3.	
UNDERLYING CONTRADICTION			
1.	1.	1.	
★ PROPOSALS			
Title:			
We the citizens of			
in order to			
propose			
through			
1.			
2.			
3.			
PROPOSAL REPORTS			
REFLECTION ON THE MEETING			

LIST

GROUP

DISCUSS

WRITE

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
FRANKFORT, KENTUCKY 40601

JULIAN M. CARROLL
GOVERNOR

Dear Citizens:

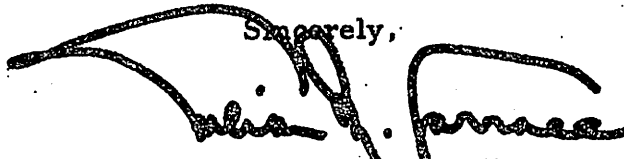
As Governor, I want to take this opportunity to welcome you to this Town Meeting and commend you for your interest and active participation in the "Town Meeting Program."

This program is a means of directly involving concerned citizens like yourselves with the issues confronting your community, and who knows better the problems and goals of your community than you, its citizens.

By attending this meeting and taking part in the various workshops, you will have the opportunity to voice your concerns and have a direct impact on the plans you would like to see implemented in your community. Effective and responsive government can only exist when citizens take part in the decision-making process that ultimately will affect their daily lives.

Please know of my personal best wishes for an enriching town meeting and congratulations on participating in this program.

Sincerely,



Julian M. Carroll

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WHAT'S NEXT?

More Towns

The Town Meeting: KENTUCKY Project will continue to hold Town Meetings in communities across the state on request. Volunteers from Town Meeting communities who wish to participate in the program beyond their own community will assist.

Special Focus Town Meetings

Town Meetings with a "special focus" will also be held. Senior citizen groups, youth organizations, businesses, churches, crime prevention agencies and several other concerned groups have already held Town Meetings that focus on a particular issue.

Human Development Project

In addition, one community in West Virginia has been selected to be the hosting community for a Human Development Project (HDP). With the training assistance of on-site ICA consultants, the community will engage in a two-year demonstration project. The project will provide a laboratory to demonstrate how communities in this area can meet economic, political, and cultural challenges with the resources available to them.

The Project was initiated on May 28, 1978 with a week-long consult. The planning process for the consult is similar to that of a Town Meeting but, because of its length, allows for a great deal more data analysis and future planning by the community. The consult will be attended by community residents and volunteer consultants from across the nation.

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available in which to hold a Town Meeting

And all of those fine Kentuckians who
provided us with bed and board as we
traveled across the state.

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