

A SUMMARY REPORT

1974 - 1978



STATE OF TEXAS
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GOVERNOR

April 22, 1977

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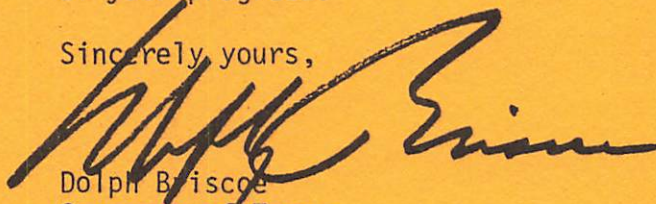
Dear Mr. Clark:

Thank you for bringing Town Meeting: Texas to my attention. I am pleased to encourage the citizens of our state to participate in Town Meetings.

An important part of our American tradition is the reliance on local initiative to solve local problems. This not only creates better communities, but it encourages a spirit of neighborliness and cooperation among the people. The Town Meeting is a sound and effective way of assisting this process.

I commend all those involved and look forward to hearing of your progress.

Sincerely yours,



Dolph Briscoe
Governor of Texas

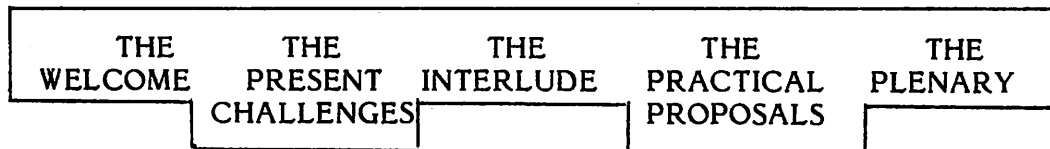
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THE PURPOSE OF TOWN MEETING

Every community, from the smallest rural town to the sprawl of an urban neighborhood, has untapped resources waiting to be channeled into the task of improving economic and social conditions. The greatest resource, and the key to all others, is the creativity and energy of the residents, 85% of which is never called upon for the good of the community. This resource, when released, is able to revitalize and rebuild human community far more effectively than any private or public program ever offered. It represents a direct and personal approach to solving the social problems which plague every city and town, and finally contributes to the rediscovery of neighborly cooperation and care.

The Town Meeting format created by the Institute of Cultural Affairs is a community event which allows people to consider the major challenges facing their town, and to discover the possibilities at hand to respond to these challenges. It motivates participants to begin active cooperation in various projects, such as cleanup days, building renovation, a community newsletter, and services for youth and elders. Its effects are felt as a renewed community spirit pervades the whole community. Mayors often mark the Town Meeting day as a turning point in their community. The Town Meeting encourages all citizens to put the care they have for their community into action.

THE FORMAT OF TOWN MEETING



The Town Meeting consists of two workshop sessions, each introduced by a brief presentation. The citizens discuss their hopes and dreams for the community, identify for themselves the economic, political, and cultural issues, and then state the underlying challenges for their community's future.

An Interlude follows, perhaps with a meal and community singing.

The proposals workshop allows citizens to create the practical activities to deal with the identified challenges. Community identity is the focus of a separate workshop group which creates the community song, story, and symbol.

The results of the workshops are reported at the closing plenary session where everyone receives a printed document of the meeting's results.

"Our Town Meeting it seems to me, has
breathed life into our community."

Jacksonville

THE TOWN MEETING: TEXAS PROJECT

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| Phase I INITIATION 1974 -- 1976 | Phase II DEMONSTRATION Winter/Spring/ Summer 1977 | Phase III ACCELERATION Fall 1977 -- Spring 1978 | Phase IV EXPANSION Summer 1978 -- 1979 |
| 32 Town Meetings | 38 Town Meetings | 212 Town Meetings | Signal Project / Hundreds of Town Meetings |

The following represents a phase by phase report of the Town Meeting:
Texas project.

PHASE I: INITIATION --- 1974 - 1976

The Town Meeting Project began in Texas as "Town Meeting '76", an official Bi-centennial program. During the Bicentennial period 32 Texas communities held Town Meetings, usually holding them as all day Saturday events.

| <u>County</u> | <u>Community</u> | <u>County</u> | <u>Community</u> |
|---------------|-----------------------|---------------|------------------|
| Bexar | San Antonio | Henderson | Athens |
| Brazoria | Brasozport | Howard | Big Spring |
| Brazos | Bryan-College Station | Jasper | Jasper |
| Cameron | Brownsville | Jefferson | Beaumont |
| Dallas | East Dallas | Kleberg | Kingsville |
| | Mesquite | McClennen | Waco |
| | White Rock | Matagorda | Bay City |
| Ector | Odessa | Nueces | Corpus Christi |
| Galveston | Galveston | Potter | East Amarillo |
| Harris | Bordersville | Randall | Amarillo |
| | Clearlake | Smith | Troup |
| | Jacinto City | Tarrant | Hurst-Eules- |
| | Near North Side | | Bedford |
| | Northline (2) | Tom Green | San Angelo |
| | Oak Forest (2) | Travis | East Austin |
| | White Oak | | |



"Troup has not been the same since our
Town Meeting We found talent
we didn't know we had."

Troup

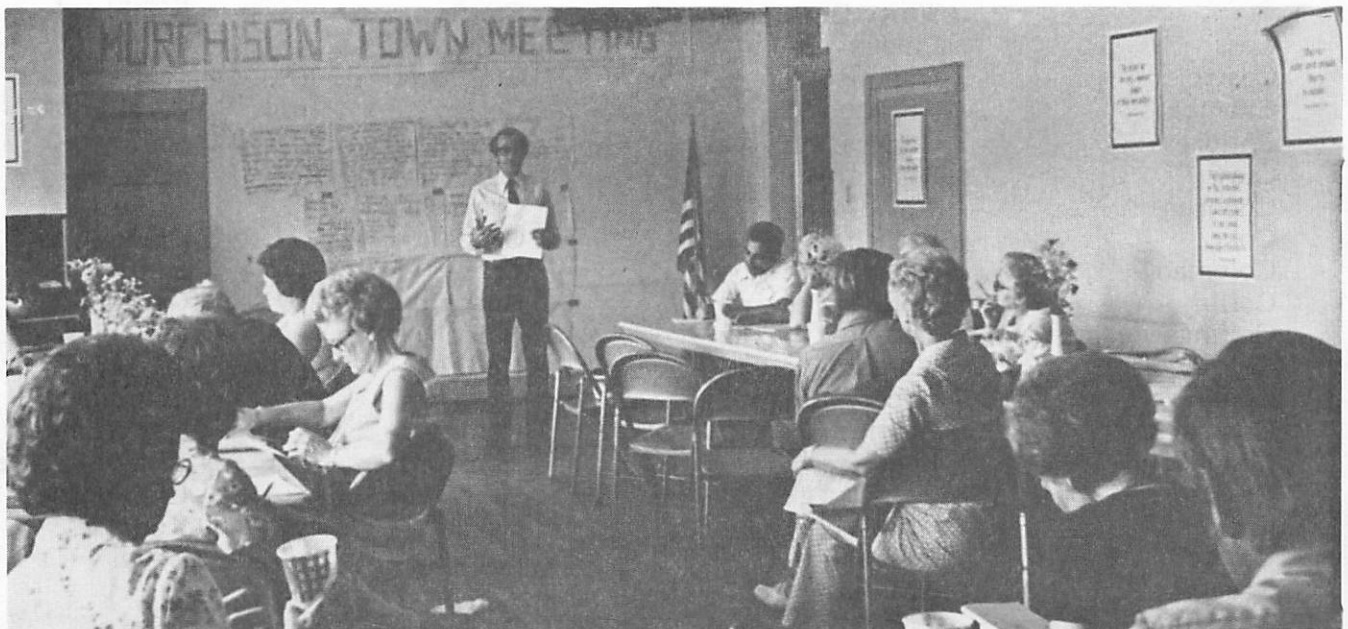
PHASE II: DEMONSTRATION ---- January - August 1977

A concentrated effort in East Texas, called the "East Texas 25" resulted in 25 Town Meetings being held on one day, June 4, 1977. It was here that small rural towns were first introduced to the Town Meeting project, and their response was overwhelmingly enthusiastic. In addition, Town Meetings happened in other widely scattered parts of the state.

| <u>County</u> | <u>Community</u> | <u>County</u> | <u>Community</u> |
|---------------|-----------------------------------|---------------|------------------|
| Angelina | Lufkin | Hopkins | Sulphur Springs |
| Bexar | District 9 (San Antonio) | Hunt | Lone Oak |
| | St. Judes Parish (San Antonio) | Jefferson | Beaumont |
| Camp | Pittsburg | Johnson | Cleburne |
| Cherokee | Jacksonville | Karnes | Falls City |
| | Rusk | Kaufman | Kemp |
| Deaf Smith | Hereford | Liberty | Dayton |
| Ellis | Waxahachie | Midland | Midland |
| Fannin | Leonard | Morris | Daingerfield |
| Franklin | Ladonia | Nacogdoches | Lone Star |
| Harris | Winnsboro | Panola | Nacogdoches |
| | Binz (Houston) | Rusk | Tatum |
| | Downtown Houston | Smith | Tatum |
| | Riverside (Houston) | Upshur | North Tyler |
| Henderson | Athens | Wood | Big Sandy |
| | Chandler | | Ore City |
| | Eustace | | Mineola |
| | Moore Station | | Quitman |
| | Murchison | | |
| | Trinidad | | |

"This has been the best meeting
I've ever been to."

Hereford



PHASE III: ACCELERATION ---- September 1977 - April 1978

The objective was clear -- to hold a Town Meeting in at least one community in every county in the state. And by the middle of April 244 of Texas' 254 counties had been the site of at least one Town Meeting. The remaining 10 counties have a Town Meeting scheduled for later in the spring. Most of these events used a condensed format and were held on week-day nights from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.

| <u>County</u> | <u>Community</u> | <u>County</u> | <u>Community</u> |
|---------------|------------------|---------------|------------------|
| Anderson | Frankston | Crockett | Ozona |
| Andrews | Andrews | Crosby | Cone |
| Archer | Holiday | Culbertson | Van Horn |
| Armstrong | Claud | Dalham | Texline |
| Aransas | Rockport | Dallas | Los Altos |
| Atascosa | Christine | Dawson | Welch |
| Austin | Bellville | Delta | Pecan Gap |
| Bailey | Muleshoe | Denton | (scheduled) |
| Bandera | Bandera | Dewitt | Nordheim |
| Bastrop | (scheduled) | Dickens | Spur |
| Baylor | (scheduled) | Dimmit | Asherton |
| Bee | Pawnee | Doneley | Clarendon (2) |
| Bell | (scheduled) | Duval | Benevidas (2) |
| Blanco | Blanco | Eastland | Rising Star |
| Borden | Gail | Edwards | Rock Springs |
| Bosque | Iredell | El Paso | San Elizario |
| Bowie | New Boston | Erath | Dublin |
| Brewster | Marathone | Falls | Rose Bud |
| Briscoe | Quiteque | Fayette | Flatonia |
| Brooks | Falfurrias | Fischer | Roby |
| Brown | May | Floyde | Lockney |
| Burleson | Deanville | Foard | Crowell |
| Burnet | Bertram | Fort Bend | Orchard |
| Caldwell | Luling | Freestone | Teague |
| Calhoun | Seadrift | Frio | Moore |
| Carson | Skellytown | Gaines | Loop |
| | White Deer | Garza | Southland |
| Cass | Linden | Gillespie | Harper |
| Castro | Dimmitt | Glascok | St. Lawrence |
| Chambers | Anahauc | Goliad | Berclair |
| Childress | Childress | Gonzales | Smiley |
| Clay | Henrietta | Gray | McLean |
| Cochran | Whiteface | Grayson | Howe |
| Coke | Bronte | Gregg | Gladewater |
| Coleman | Novice | Grimes | Shiro |
| Collin | Celina | Guadalupe | Geronimo |
| Collingsworth | Dodson | Hale | Plainview |
| Colorado | Weimer | Hall | Turkey |
| Comal | Cypress Grove | | Estelline |
| Comanche | Gustine | Hamilton | Hamilton |
| Concho | Eola | Hansford | Pringle-Morse |
| Cooke | Callisburg | Hardeman | Chillicothe |
| Coryell | Gatesville | Hardin | Kountze |
| Cottle | Paduca | Harrison | Leigh |
| Crane | Crane | | |

PHASE III: Continued

| <u>County</u> | <u>Community</u> | <u>County</u> | <u>Community</u> |
|---------------|------------------|---------------|-----------------------------------|
| Upton | Midkiff | Wheeler | Mobeetie |
| Tyler | Rockland | Wichita | Electra |
| Uvalde | Knippa | Willbarger | Oklaunion |
| Val Verde | Del Rio | Willacy | Lasara |
| Van Zandt | Fruitvale | Williamson | Jarrell |
| Victoria | Inez | Wilson | Sutherland Springs (scheduled) |
| Walker | New Waverly | Winkler | Rhome |
| Waller | Hempstead | Wise | Plains |
| Ward | Grand Falls | Yoakum | New Castle |
| Washington | Burton | Young | Zapata |
| Webb | Mirando City | Zapata | Batesville |
| Wharton | Lane City | Zavala | |

"Several weeks ago a Town Meeting happened in our small town and started us to thinking about our problems and some answers to our problems. For the first time many people are interested in improving and doing something constructive in the little place we live."

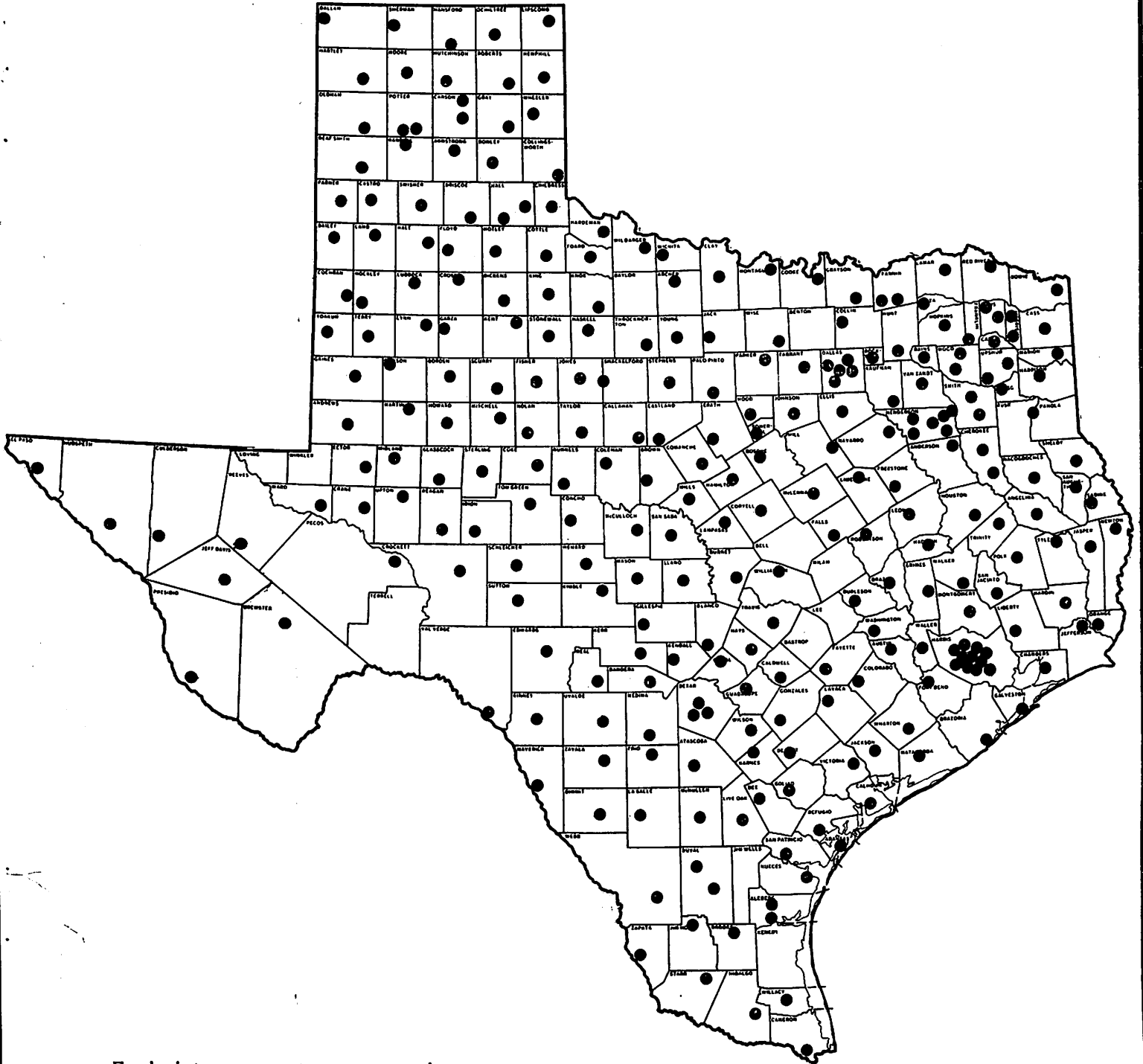
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| <u>County</u> | <u>Community</u> | <u>County</u> | <u>Community</u> |
|---------------|-------------------|---------------|------------------|
| Hartley | Channing | Mills | Mullen |
| Haskell | Rochester | Mitchell | Loraine |
| Hays | Kyle | Montegue | Illinois Bend |
| Hemphill | Gem | Montgomery | Willis |
| Hidalgo | Lavilla | Moore | Dumas |
| Hill | Mertens | Motley | Matador |
| Hockley | Sundown | Navarro | Kerens |
| Hood | Hill City | Newton | Weirgate |
| Houston | Lovelady | Nolan | Maryneal |
| Hudspeth | Sierra Blanca | Ochiltree | Farnsworth |
| Hutchinson | Sanford | Oldam | Vega |
| Iron | Barnhart | Orange | Rose City |
| Jack | Bryson | Palo Pinto | Gordon |
| Jackson | Edna | Parker | Springtown |
| Jeff Davis | Fort Davis | Parmer | Friona |
| Jim Hogg | Hebbronville | Pecos | Iraan |
| Jim Wells | Alice (2) | Polk | Leggett |
| Johnson | Cleburne | Presidio | Presidio |
| Jones | Anson | Rains | Emory |
| Kendall | Comfort | Reagon | Big Lake |
| Kenedy | (scheduled) | Real | Leakey |
| Kent | Girard | Red River | English |
| Kerr | Hunt-Ingrim | Reeves | Balmorhea |
| Kimble | London | Refugio | Bayside |
| King | Guthrie | Robert | Miami |
| Kinney | Bracketville | Robertson | Bremond |
| Kleberg | Riveria | Rockwall | Royce City |
| Knox | Munday | Runnells | Miles |
| Lamar | Blossom | Sabine | Bronson (2) |
| Lamb | Spring Lake-Earth | San Jacinto | Shepherd |
| Lampasas | Adamsville | San Patricio | San Patricio |
| LaSalle | Cotulla (2) | San Saba | San Saba |
| Lavaca | Moulton | Sleicher | El Dorado |
| Lee | (scheduled) | Scurry | Hermleigh |
| Leon | Jewett | Shackelford | Lueders |
| Limestone | Coolidge | Shelby | East Center |
| Lipscomb | Follett | Sherman | Stratford |
| Live Oak | George West | San Augustine | San Augustine |
| Llano | Llano | Sommerville | O'Conner Courts |
| Loving | (scheduled) | Stephens | Breckenridge |
| Lubbock | New Deal | Sterling | Sterling City |
| Lynn | Wilson | Stonewall | Aspermont |
| McCulloch | Rochelle | Sutton | Sonora |
| McMullen | Tilden | Swisher | Tulia |
| Madison | Madisonville | Starr | San Isidro |
| Marion | Smithland | Taylor | Tuscola |
| Martin | Ackerley | Terrell | (scheduled) |
| Mason | Mason | Terry | Brownfield |
| Maverick | Eagle Pass | Throckmorton | Woodsen |
| Medina | Yancy | Titus | Cookville |
| Menard | Menard | | Talco |
| Milam | (scheduled) | Trinity | Apple Springs |

COMMUNITIES ON THE MOVE



Each dot represents a community that has had at least one Town Meeting.

TOWNS REPORT THE TOWN MEETING A SUCCESS

CITY OF BALMORHEA

Phone 875-2207 — Box 222
BALMORHEA, TEXAS 79718

Teague Chamber of Commerce

205 S. 5TH AVENUE

PHONE 817-739-2051

TEAGUE, TEXAS 75860

March 30, 1978

April 13, 1978

Town Meeting: Texas
4422 Sycamore
Dallas, Texas 75204

Dear Sirs:

On behalf of the Teague Chamber of Commerce, we wish to thank you for sending us those two great gals, Jill Rodda and Helen Haug. We had a good turn out for our meeting, and those two made it worth everyones time.

I am enclosing the newspaper clipping concerning our meeting.

Thank you again for a well planned meeting.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Lester H. Stacks, Jr.
Mrs. Lester H. Stacks, Jr.
Secretary

Mr. Jeff Roper
Town Meeting Texas
4422 Sycamore
Dallas, Texas 75204

Dear Mr. Roper:

You have, probably, the report on the Town Meeting held in Balmorhea March 12th, which we feel was a great success.

Everyone in attendance enjoyed the hours of entertainment and comradeship.

We wish to highly commend the coordinators, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Forbes, for their expertise in handling the visual aids throughout the program.

Sincerely yours,

Helen K. Humphries
Helen K. Humphries, Mayor

SUNDOWN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

February 21, 1978

To Whom It May Concern:

The Sundown, Texas Chamber of Commerce is please to write a letter of recommendation concerning The Town Meeting Program.

The Chamber of Commerce served as the host organization for the committee for Town Meeting. Our part in the program consisted of providing a meeting place, typists, food arrangements, entertainment, and introductory ceremony.

Our meeting was held on January 21, 1978, 6:00 p.m. to about 10:30 p.m. The citizens that attended our workshop expressed enthusiasm and happiness for coming. The participants were able to discuss controversial issues without becoming disagreeable. I feel that the meeting was professionally conducted by the team of Jill Rodda, Katherine Barton and Roger Marsh.

We were pleased to have about 80 citizens participate in the session. In summary, I would recommend The Town Meeting Program for securing citizen involvement. If additional information can be supplied, don't hesitate to call.

Respectfully yours,

Dalton Gill

Dalton Gill, President
Phone 806 229-5021

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The Yankees get a lot done at their town meetings.

Ol' fashion Town Meetin' next Monday night

Rosebud Chamber of Commerce sponsors open meeting for all

By John Killgore

Say what you want, ask what you will of anyone present, but get the facts firsthand. This is the purpose of any meeting, and especially an ol' fashion town meeting, the likes of which is being held in Rosebud this Monday evening.

Sponsored by the Rosebud Chamber of Commerce, the meeting will take place at the Rosebud Intermediate School Gymnasium beginning promptly at 7:00 p.m.

A face-to-face fact finding (but no fist-fighting, please) open meeting with officials of the city, the school, and even the county government (should any official be present) is what the meeting is all about. There is nothing to sell and nothing to buy, and there is nothing to gain but ideas and information and a new outlook on the affairs of the community. The principal thing is to come and participate!

Following is a news release from "Town Meeting: Texas" that controls the meetings over the state.

Citizens of Falls County will participate in a statewide program called "Town Meeting: Texas" on March 20, 1978. Scheduled to take place at the Rosebud Primary School gym from 7 to 10 p.m., the meeting will be a workshop in which citizens discuss how they can work together to make improvements in their community.

The Rosebud meeting will be hosted by Rosebud Chamber of Commerce. All resi-

dents are invited to attend, and representatives from other towns in the county will also be welcomed.

The town Meeting is a civic event, begun as a Bicentennial program in 1975, in which participants decide the basic challenges facing their community and propose activities to meet the challenges. A song and story are also created to celebrate the town's history and future prospects.

The meeting is an example of a new kind of public forum that gives everyone the opportunity to fully participate.

In the last two years, meetings have taken place in 185 Texas communities in 148 counties. Demonstration meetings are taking place in each of the remaining counties during March, and an assembly of representatives from participating towns is planned April 8 in Austin.

The program is endorsed by Gov. Dolph Briscoe and a statewide committee of 60 business and professional people. In his letter, Briscoe says, "I am pleased to encourage the citizens of our state to participate in Town Meetings."

"Town Meeting: Texas" is a program being offered by the Institute of Culture Affairs, a private, not-for-profit association of concerned citizens. The entire effort is staffed by volunteers and supported by contributions from individuals and businesses.

A SUMMARY OF THE CHALLENGES FROM 282 TOWN MEETINGS

"Nothing from the past was thrown away and we have a much clearer idea of the future."

Lone Oak

Insufficient Local Revenue

- fear of higher taxes
- tax structure outdated
- lack of knowledge about available money
- too few jobs
- too little money spent in town

Negative Community Image

- abandoned buildings
- trash in vacant lots
- little town pride
- litter in the streets
- vandalism

Inadequate Community Services

- need for street repair
- inadequate water system
- inadequate or non-existent sewer system
- poor phone service
- no animal control

Unencouraged Commercial Growth

- land unavailable for development
- water & sewer systems outdated
- no local promotion of business
- no housing available
- inadequate communication of priorities

Limited Citizen Participation

- sense of "I'm not in charge"
- leadership not backed by community
- "Let someone else do it"
- poor attendance at meetings
- youth not motivated to participate

Non-existent Community Programs

- no doctor or health clinic
- no pharmacy
- no maintained parks
- no community center
- inadequate recreation facilities for youth

Example of a Challenge Statement

In the arena of job shortages, the fact that there are no industries in town and our youth have to work elsewhere indicates that the underlying contradiction is that Bronson is unattractive to new industry. This is illustrated by low wages and the inability to find and keep help.

Bronson



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

A SUMMARY OF THE PROPOSALS FROM 282 TOWN MEETINGS

"These plans are exciting because
we can do them."

New Boston

Deepening Local Communication

- community newsletter
- community Bulletin Board
- City Council participation
- publish and highlight City Council minutes
- meetings with elected representatives

Attracting New Industry

- contact management of larger industry
- water and sewage improvement
- solicit investment
- research available land and housing possibilities
- form Chamber of Commerce

Promoting Community Unity

- neighborhood clean up day
- community celebrations
- public forums and workshops
- community Pride Day
- paint downtown storefronts

Improving Community Services

- community center
- recreation facilities
- volunteer Fire Department
- elder nutrition and activities program
- summer recreation program

Involving All Citizens

- survey community needs and local talents
- block canvassing to solicit leadership
- regular Town Meetings
- publish and highlight City Council minutes
- youth program with projects

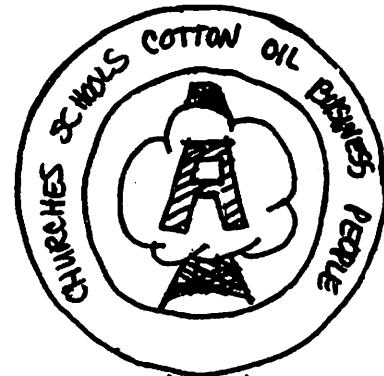
Motivating Community Leadership

- organize a civic club
- hold annual Outstanding Citizens Day
- incorporate the town
- meet with elected officials
- invite clubs to march in parades

Example of a Proposal Statement

We the citizens of Quitman in order to promote more effective community involvement propose Community Leader For a Day through direct citizen leadership and training in local and county governing bodies and positions, sponsorship, and agreement with local and county officials.

Quitman



A PROPOSAL is a plan of action
that meets the challenge.

SYMBOL STORY SONG

Three ways for local people to express pride in their community.

OUR TOWN

Tune: Battle Hymn of the Republic

We had a thriving city but they all went to town
Now we are struggling for survival so we better
look around
We need better schools and businesses, books to
read and pools to swim
As we go marching on.

Leonard, Leonard. Hallelujah
Leonard, Leonard. Hallelujah
Leonard, Leonard. Hallelujah
As we go marching on. (chorus)

Recreations and activities we need for our youth
We need to keep them busy so they won't be on
the loose
A business in every building would be our wildest
dream
As we go marching on.

Black and White relations would fit in every scheme
And beautify our city, so we won't be ashamed
We need transportation for our elders don't you see
As we go marching on.

WAXAHACHIE TOWN

Tune: In the Good Ole Summertime

Tis a song about our town
Dear Waxahachie town
In 1851 they came
With wagon wheels so round
They built their homes
They plowed the land
Great courage they did bring
The cattle thrived
The railroad came
And cotton soon was king.

The chautauqua came to town
We have it with us today
A symbol of our cultural past
We're sure it's here to stay
We'll keep our dream
Of a town beyond compare
One hope one dream one town have we
A future we will share.

THE STORY OF LANE CITY

PAST: The town of Lane City was founded by the Lane and Arnam families in the 1800s. The railroad and canal companies were first to come to the area. At one time the canal was the largest irrigation operation in the world. At one time the town consisted of a hotel, lumber yard, drug store, general store and a railroad depot, rice warehouse and cotton gins. The highway was constructed about 1937. It was the site of two schools, one for the white students and one for the black students. The district was consolidated with Wharton Independent School District in 1963.

PRESENT: The community now consists of approximately 375 people...Czechs, Germans, Blacks, Mexicans and many others. The streets were paved some years ago. The town is made up of a post office, two stores, a gas station, four churches, one grain dryer, one dance hall and individual family dwellings. It is in the midst of a farming and ranching community. Some oil is found in the county.

FUTURE: The future of Lane City is quite favorable because it lies on the fringe area of Houston and because of the effects of the nuclear plant in Matagorda County. The major needs include jobs, new homes, public services and recreation facilities. Another factor that lends itself to growth of the town is the intersection of Highway 60 and the Boling Highway, which brings considerable traffic through the town.

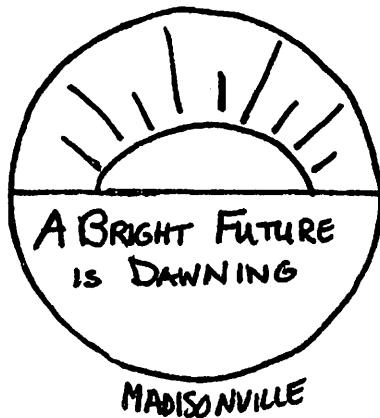
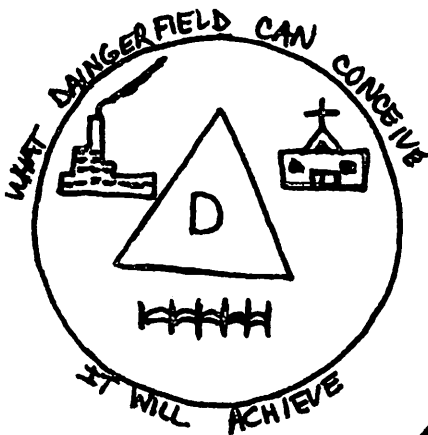
THIS PLACE WILL DO

Tune: The Yellow Rose of Texas

There was a town in Texas twas in 1922

A man by name of Ackerly said this here place will do
It used to be the slaughter ranch, it was kind of rough,
And if you were to stay here, you better had be tough.

Our little town of Ackerly fine people here galore
The cotton trailers gins and oil schools churches and much more
If we remain responsible and stay close to our Lord
It will be bright forever a good place for our kids.



THE COMMUNITY SPIRIT

Tune: You are My Sunshine

We are a town of friendly people
We came together from near and far
We are the center of Bowie County
We are three Boston's in one.

The population is growing larger
We have built new businesses and schools
Our civic center has been remodeled
We have provided the best for all.

To build a future for every neighbor
To work together to build our town
Attracting business and beautifying
To make New Boston the best around.

OH GOOD OLE LINDEN

Tune: Oh Suzannah

The railroad we once did have
How long it has been gone
And now we have more industry
To push us right along.

Oh Good Ole Linden
The best town in the land
We built it all in all due time
And hope it long will stand.
(chorus)

Our building we have done so right
To help our doctors care
We strive to make our Churches grow
To let our people share.

We've got a town which holds its own
And better it will be
Our future dreams with good hard work
We can and will then see.



TOWN MEETING: TEXAS - SUPPORT

The Town Meeting: Texas project appreciates the financial gifts, the goods and services gifts, and the personal advice and support from the state which made the project possible.

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In addition to members of the Committee for Town Meeting: Texas citizens across the state have extended invaluable assistance and advice. Below is a representative listing of this larger group.

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MEALS

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Bonanza Sirloin Pit: Sulphur Springs,
Dallas, Lubbock, Nacogdoches, Marshall
Big Texan, Lubbock

LODGING

Allen Parkway Inn, Houston
Albert Pick Motel, Houston
Beams Motor Inn, Lufkin
El Patio Motel, San Angelo
Hilton Inn, Amarillo

MEALS Continued

Burger King: Dallas, Houston, Lubbock
Brookshire's, Athens
Bordens, Lubbock
Carl's Fried Chicken, Athens
Conquistador Restaurant, San Angelo
Charley's Place, Jasper
Casa Martinez Restaurant, Crockett
Castille Room, Lufkin
Chick n Sea, Lubbock
Chicken Basket, Lufkin
Church's Fried Chicken, Athens
Coca Cola, Lubbock
Country Kitchen, Lufkin
Der Wienerschnitzel, San Angelo
Dairy Queen: Athens, Crockett,
Daingerfield, Nacogdoches,
Pittsubrg, Livingston
Dunkin Donuts, San Antonio
El Chico, Athens
El Sombrero Restaurant, Lubbock
Farmer Brothers Coffee, San Antonio
Frito Lay, Lubbock
Furr's Grocery Markets, Lubbock
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San Angelo, Nacogdoches, Austin,
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WHAT'S NEXT?

More Town Meetings

The Town Meeting: Texas project will continue to hold Town Meetings in towns across the state upon request. Some of these will be elaborate all day meetings while others will be shorter evening events. Volunteers from Town Meeting communities who wish to participate in the program beyond their own town will assist.

Signal Counties Will Have Multiple Town Meetings

Beginning in the summer or early fall of 1978 several Texas counties will host multiple Town Meetings in an effort to allow every community and every group in the county the opportunity to participate in the Town Meeting event. Some of these will be "special focus" Town Meetings, such as school Town Meetings, businessmen Town Meetings, women Town Meetings, and elders Town Meetings.

THE ASHERTON HUMAN DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

In addition, one community in Texas has been selected to be the site for a Human Development Project (HDP). Asherton, located in Dimmit County in South Texas, has invited the ICA to be on-site consultants in a two year demonstration project. The project will provide a laboratory to demonstrate how communities in our state can meet economic, political, and cultural challenges with the resources available to them. Asherton will join the ranks of some 40 HDP communities across the world, and will lead the way for Texas's local community renewal.

The Project will be initiated on June 18, 1978, with a week long planning consultation. The planning process for the consult is similar to that of a Town Meeting, but allows for a great deal more data analysis and future planning by the community. The consult will be held in Asherton, and will be attended by community residents and by volunteer consultants from across the state.

"The future of this country depends on what little towns
like ours do over the next five or ten years."

Lockney

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