



THE CROSSROADS TOWN MEETING

November 18, 1978

Hinds County, Mississippi

**In the arena of COMMUNITY GROWTH**

the fact that there is failure to consider the future growth of the community as important

indicates that the challenge facing the Crossroads is

the break with close ties of traditional views and the innovating of new ideas (in other words, the update of traditional views). This is illustrated by 1. lack of knowledge, 2. community doesn't meet enough, 3. close-mindedness and separation.

**In the arena of PHYSICAL SERVICES**

the fact that our community accepted traditions of 20-30 years ago indicates the challenge face the Crossroads is

making the community aware of the need for a committee survey. This is illustrated by 1. trash on the roads, 2. no road signs, 3. poor road maintenance.

**In the arena of COMMUNITY SOCIAL SERVICES**

the fact that there is a lack of opportunities, funds, and concerns indicates that the challenge facing the Crossroads is

the development of a structured community participation organization. This is illustrated by 1. no place for elders to meet, 2. no day care center, 3. no elders transportation

**In the arena of YOUTH ACTIVITIES**

the fact that there is close-mindedness, a lack of funds, and unawareness of how to get things done

indicates that the challenge facing the Crossroads is

developing and understanding of the importance of youth activities. This is illustrated by 1. no youth activities, 2. no youth opportunity for travel, 3. no playground, 4. no physical fitness programs.

**In the arena COOPERATION**

the fact that young people don't have anything to do, parents neglect

children, the church and community don't cooperate, indicates that the challenge facing the Crossroads is

getting people together.

This is illustrated by 1. people don't care what the church grounds look like, 2. people don't help out when disaster in the family, 3. parents don't care what their children do.

**In the arena of PRACTICAL KNOW-HOW**

the fact that people don't know how to build a budget and stay within it, and people don't have transportation

indicates that the challenge facing Crossroads is

to get more concern, form a group, and identify three real needs.

This is illustrated by 1. people don't keep financial records, 2. people don't have a way to get around

CROSS ROADS WORKING TOGETHER  
(Tune: Battle Hymn of the Republic)

Verse            Our eyes have seen the dying of the  
                     spirit we once shared  
Our neighborhoods have crumbled  
                     because nobody cared  
We have serious social problems  
                     running rampant in our land.

Chorus           The answer is in our hands  
Work, work, work, work, together  
Work, work, work, work, together  
Work, work, work, work together  
The answer is in our hands.

Verse            Let us commit our humanness,  
                     to building better lives  
Let us become responsible for  
                     all the mournful cries  
We hear them from the aged, the  
                     youth and children scream  
Help, help! Give meaning to our dreams

Chorus

Verse            Let us sound forth the trumpet  
                     That should never call retreat  
Create a caring spirit, that can  
                     never know defeat  
Oh be spirit my soul to answer;  
                     be jubilant my feet  
To build good neighborhoods.

Chorus

Verse            In myself lie, the good, community  
                     the doors are there and I'm the key  
Nobody else can give these to me  
                     cause I'm the door and key  
When we work as one together  
                     we can make our dreams come real  
The answer is in our hands.

Chorus

## PAST

Long years ago peoples had more love and Christianity. 1800's what they had to work with they made goals from grits mills to factories. In 1930's from share croppers to 1940 lands ownder.

## PRESENT

We have sewin g factories to help people get jobs that help ~~incentive~~ encourage people to come back to Ms. We need more recreation centers for youth and more jobs opportunity f for the community.

## FUTURE

Have a better community by growin g together and having more leadership, and love that grows in our homes through out the community joining together in church unity.

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## In the arena of YOUTH

the fact that there is no band, teachers aren't explaining, no PTA,  
and few jobs available,

indicates that the challenge facing the Crossroads is  
Young folks have nothing to do.

This is illustrated by 1. children watch T.V. all the time, 2. children  
don't do anything at home, 3. teenage pregnancy.

## In the arena of ELDERS

the fact that elders need help, jobs, money, and social security  
is not enough

indicates that the challenge facing Crossroads is

developing a program to give elders, food, clothing, transportation,  
This is illustrated by 1. people don't know about the elders plight,  
2. people are not responding to real needs, like transportation.

We the citizens of the Crossroads  
in order to prepare a community resource inventory to help  
plan the future

propose to organize a community committee

through

1. have a volunteer spokesman
2. have a community planning meeting
3. set a date
4. establish priorities

We the citizens of the Crossroads  
in order to have available medical help when needed

propose to have a MEDICAL RESOURCES MEETING

through

1. having 2 or 3 people in charge of meeting
2. social worker at meeting
3. health planning representative at meeting

We the citizens of the Crossroads  
in order to have better roads and available transportation

propose to have a ROAD COMMITTEE MEETING

through

1. getting community together
2. talk over needs
3. sign petition
4. visit county supervisor

We the citizens of the Crossroads  
in order to have a better community

propose MONTHLY TOWN MEETINGS

through

1. visiting neighbors
2. phoning
3. Church announcements
- 4.

We the citizens of Crossroads in order to form a Recreation Center propose to entertain the community through the Senior citizen day, counseling for the young, recreation supervising on alternative basis, and a movie theater.

We the citizens of Crossroads community in order to form a Day Care Center propose a survey of the community through a committee of interested citizens.

We the citizens of Crossroads community in order to start girl scouts club to give constructive recreation to the young people propose a Girl Scouts Club through an organized committee then visit community and see how many people are in the community interested.

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