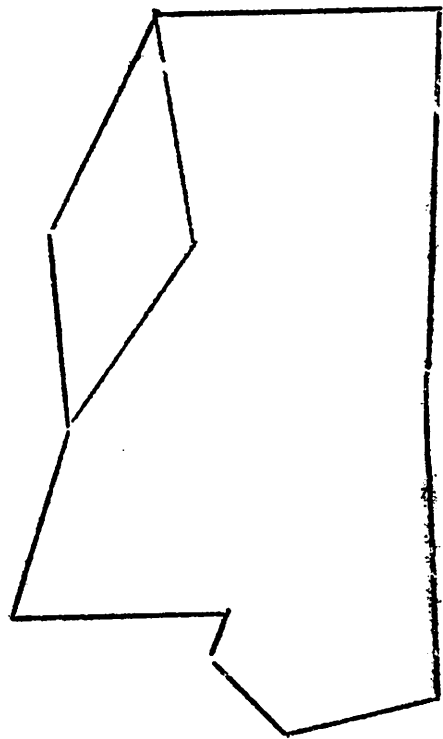


DELTA Town Meeting Assembly



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JUNE 18, 1977
DELTA STATE UNIVERSITY
CLEVELAND, MISSISSIPPI

Form a Town Committee		Open & Operate A Store	City Dump & Collector	Clean-up Fix-up Paint-up Campaign
Raise Funds	Community Barbeque	Town Newsletter	Mosquito Control	
		Organize a Block Club	Draft Plans for Municipal Services	
	Organize Senior Citizens Band & Youth Play Group	Organize Parent Training Seminars	Improve Youth Recreation	
BI-Racial City Improvement Committee		Hold a Senior Citizens Day	Youth Service Corps	Sports League

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LONG RANGE PROPOSALS

June 18, 1977

Improve Water System	Expand Existing Job Training In Schools	Recreational Center		Want To Get Incorporated
Bus Stop		Better Housing	Rehabilitation Program for Existing Dwellings	Cooperative Businesses
Create Public Facilities	Create Job Opportunities	Food Growing Center	Sewers	Expand City Boundaries
Pave Streets	Open A Dress Shop & Sewing School	Property Tax Reform		Incorporate Town
Town Meeting Rally	Youth Park	County-Wide Telephone Service		

WHAT

1. Clean up around property (all the community
remove rubbish
cut grass & mow lawns)
2. Tear down old buildings
3. Repaint old buildings, businesses and houses
4. Plant flowers & shrubs

WHY

To make the town an attractive and healthier place to live and to create a sense of community pride.

- *7. Go to nurseries and Home Demonstration Agency for plants & shrubs
8. Monthly awards for the best looking yard and street
9. Have a community celebration after the work is done
10. Help Senior Citizens who are not able to get the work done
11. Organize baby sitting service.

HOW

1. Call a meeting to make your plans (community Town Meeting)
decide how often to have clean-up days
2. Form groups to take responsibility for their own street (clean your own yard and help your neighbor)
3. Involve the whole community
4. Equipment Lending Service - for those who don't have equipment
5. Get permission to tear down old buildings. Locate equipment and ask for volunteers.
6. Get paint (fund-raising events, donations, etc.) (continued above - see *)

WHO

1. Clubs and organizations - take it on as a project
2. Neighborhood Improvement Groups
3. Youth Corps/School Project
4. Anyone able to do it
5. County Home Demonstration Aide
6. Local Businessmen & Elected Officials (Mayor)
7. Church Groups.

WHAT

A year-round youth program consists of every youth between 10 to 16 years old in the community

WHY

1. To keep the youth off the streets
2. To keep them active
3. To form a sense of responsibility
4. To create leadership.

HOW

1. To form a committee of adults & youth
2. To raise money to pay for their equipment
3. Have a Talent show
4. Have a common T-shirt
5. Help in community work day
6. Take trip together

WHO

1. Set up a counselor
2. Assign different tasks to the counselors
3. Have a chairperson to check on the counselors.

What

1. Use spraying machines at least twice a week.
2. Keep grass cut all over town.
3. Eliminate cans and tires with still water.
4. General clean-up.
5. Proper screening.
6. Spray ponds and ditches.
7. Clean out ditches.

Why

1. Protect health of the children and adults.
2. To eliminate the discomfort.
3. Costly to families to buy sprays, etc.
4. To enjoy outdoor living.

How

1. Build purple martin houses by January.
2. Town buys insecticide and contacts county health department.
3. A town committee could contact each home and help families purchase screens.
4. Build a fog machine: Placing a spray tank on the front of a tractor to the exhaust. Extend your exhaust to the back of the tractor where the fan is mounted. The fan is connected to the puller which is fastened to the PTO.

Who

1. Select a committee from each section of town to look after the matters of mosquito control like clean-up and screens.
2. County health department.

What

1. Organize an unincorporated community.

Why

1. To get city services.
2. To work towards incorporation.
3. To provide a way to make decisions.
4. To provide a way to get things done.

How

1. Call a meeting and discuss issues.
2. Elect officers.
3. Select some projects to do and do one immediately.
4. Start a community newsletter.
5. Secure representation from each section of town.
6. Set a regular meeting schedule.
7. Form working committees.
8. Secure a permanent meeting place and office.

Who

1. Legal advice from an attorney.
2. Practical advice from incorporated towns.

WHAT

Build new homes and renovate existing homes.

WHY

Houses are old and delapidated
Houses are overcrowded
No conveniences and services
Lack of necessities - screens, insulation, etc.
Health hazards
Sanitation

HOW

Condemn old housing
Set up local housing authority
Contact private industries to support
Investigate inexpensive new housing designs
Set up local development corporation to solicit
Decal funds to do building
Research latest census regarding housing and needs
Set up local self-help housing corporation (non-profit)
Enlist local construction team.

WHO

Local youth group construction team
Local carpenter(s)
Find volunteer architect
Gather together interested in better housing
Form corporation, visit bank, FHA, etc.

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Title:

PROPOSALS
"Sewers"

June 18, 1977

WHAT

Sewage system for a small community

WHY

Insure good health

Prevent pollution

Provide convenient and safe system of waste removal

HOW

Appoint a committee to investigate the situation, seek out necessary procedures and follow through on the community's decision

Use the consultant services of R & D and work with the county supervisor

Do a preliminary survey of population: number needs and interest

Consider alternatives to sewage treatment plant, especially for unincorporated towns or those without a water system

Get on the EPA priority grant list

Talk to Air, Water & Pollution Board

Talk to Congressman

Talk to Health Department

Contract with engineer to apply for 201 funds

Investigate matching funds sources, such as HUD, FHA

Look into securing land for treatment system.

WHO

1. Committee on water & sewage
2. Consultants: R & D, EPA
3. Engineer
4. Political advocates (county supervisor, congressman)

WHAT

1. Obtain an attorney
2. Get a map of town
3. Make a survey of town limits
4. Survey of legal vote & population
5. Have legal voters sign
6. Apply for Articles of Incorporation
7. Form provisional government

WHY

1. To have your own formal government
2. To be formally represented
3. To have ability to receive funding, grants, etc.
4. To have ability to assess taxes
5. To be eligible to vote.

HOW

1. Contact Mississippi Legal Services
2. Aerial photo
3. County engineer
4. Door to door survey
5. Circulate petition
6. Write to Secretary of State & set up By-Laws
7. Town Meeting

WHO

1. Person chosen as leader or committee chairman
2. Check Army Corps of Engineers
3. Committee Leader or committee chairman
4. Community
5. Leaders of community with community input
6. Send out newsletter; pick date & place.

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P R O P O S A L S

Title:

"Create Job Opportunities"

June 18, 1977

WHAT

Get businesses in the community
Job training
County job reference service (job bank)
Survey jobs available and jobs people want.

WHY

50% of people are unemployed
Having job improves peoples' personalities and gives them a sense of belonging
Relieve burden on taxpayers
People want better jobs.

HOW

Talk to city representatives
Committee to research getting CETA funds
Go to the Small Business Association in Jackson to get money for new businesses
Encourage small farmers to grow quick growing crops and hire youth to harvest them.

WHO

City & county officials
Present business leaders or Chamber of Commerce
Community representatives
Junior colleges on-the-job training.

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REPORT ON DELTA DAYS TOWN MEETING ASSEMBLY

On June 18, 70 people gathered together at Delta State University for a Delta Days Town Meeting Assembly. It was a tremendous success with 13 out of 15 communities present. The event was held from 1:00 to 7:00 P.M., ending with a barbeque and tour of Pace, Mississippi. The emcee was Mr. Henry Knox, alderman from Pace. The communities ranged in population from 200 to 1,100 with many being unincorporated. Most of them do not have a sewage system and several do not have a community water system.

The assembly was a spirited event with great singing and an entertainment group from Mayersville. Each community picked its best short range and best long range proposals. Choosing 4 from each of these categories, participants created lists of ways to implement these proposals and the resources available. The sharing of ideas and the realization that there are other communities facing the same challenges has awakened in these participants a hope and created a resolve to begin the appropriate implementation of these actions in their own communities.

Enclosed is the document produced during the assembly, containing charts of the short range and long range proposals. Also contained in the document is the work on each of the 8 practical proposals.



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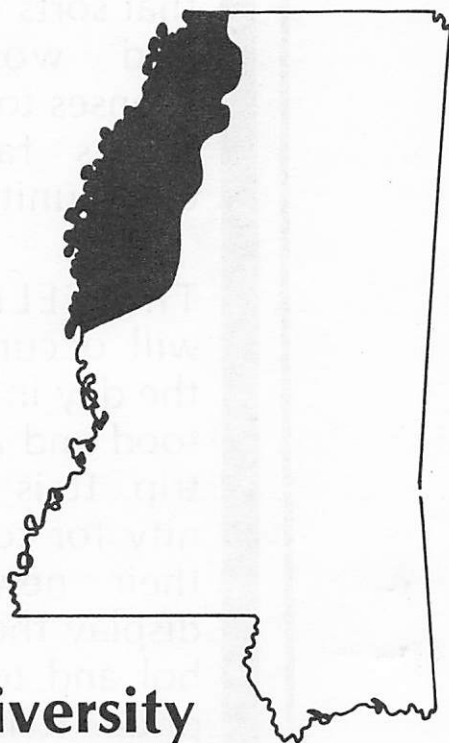
TOWN MEETING: DELTA DAYS

Across the Delta communities are planning and preparing for their participation in the Delta Days week of Town Meetings. Five Town Meetings will be held on June 4 and twelve more are scheduled for June 11. Eight more communities are still considering the June 11th date.

Communities have already experienced a new sense of pride and confidence as enthusiasm builds in each town. In Tutwiler, a group of outgoing and incoming aldermen are working together on their Town Meeting to provide the new board with new ideas and citizen input. In Winstonville, after printing a flyer announcing the Town Meeting, 197 people signed up within three days. Many towns are planning community dinners after the Town Meetings as a celebration of the day's events.

The Town Meeting: Delta Days assembly will be held on June 18 at Delta State University. Representatives from each Town Meeting will meet to compare results and help each other build follow-up plans for each community.

TOWN MEETING DELTA DAYS ASSEMBLY



June 18

1-7 p.m.

**Delta State University
Cleveland, Mississippi**

Registration

Town Meeting: Delta Days Assembly
June 18, 1977
1:00-7:00 p.m.
Delta State University — Student Union
Cost \$3 — Dinner

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