

ADAMS COUNTY

SENIOR CITIZENS TOWN MEETING

Adams County Community Center

November 1, 1979

ON THE GO

(Tune: California Here I Come)

Adams County on the go
 Sr. Citizens made it so.
 From ferry to bridge across the river
 From fields to factories opportunities.

Adams County on the Move
 We have so much to improve.
 Working together side by side.
 Flowers and tourists we're proud of our town.

So we're going to keep on the go.
 As long as the Lord says so.
 So Adams County better watch out
 When Senior Citizens are about!

PAST ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND FUTURE VISION

PAST

The Pilgrimage
 Cotton Mills
 No bridge across river
 Trains
 Open gambling & saloons
 "Natchez under the hill"
 1800s Riverboat trading
 1927 flood
 horse and buggy days
 street cars
 1930 Depression
 1st radio station
 WWII
 Beginning of Armstrong 1939
 Garment factory
 Jefferson Davis Hospital 1959

FUTURE

4 lane bridge
 Railroad crossing
 Road improvement
 Downtown Natchez restored
 Consolidate City & County Government
 New industries with jobs for young people
 Better wages
 Children school past 16 years old
 Recreation program expanded
 Drop sales tax on drugs & food
 Litter removed
 Part-time employment for retired people
 Museum restored
 City Auditorium restored.

In the arena of Public Transportation, the fact that people don't use public transport, everyone has an automobile, public transport may not be economically feasible, a bus would only go downtown and shopping center, indicates that the underlying challenge is getting people to see the need to have and use public transportation.

In the arena of Economics, the fact of lack of funds, apathy, and not setting priorities, indicates that the underlying challenge is lack of communication between citizens and government. This is illustrated by the tax on food and drugs, no discount for sr. citizens, high price of utilities, not enough low income housing, high medical costs, and high car tag costs.

In the arena of Law Enforcement, the fact that there should be compulsory education through highschool grades, not enough family support, and not enough evidence to convict drug pushers; indicates that the underlying challenge is enforcing existing laws, having compulsory education laws, and providing education about drugs to youth.

In the arena of Driving Safety, the fact that youth are driving too young (immature), parents are too lax on rearing children, tighter penalties should be enforced, and need for compulsory insurance, indicates that the underlying challenge is better training in drivers safety for young people and more responsibility for their own actions.

THE PROPOSAL

We the Senior Citizens of Adams County, in order to get Sr. Citizens involved in the community and enhance our own lives, propose to start a Volunteers for Recreation program through contacting the recreation director, recruit volunteers, screen volunteers, train volunteers, contact 303 Retirees Club, and contact AARP.

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