



GROWING TOGETHER IN ARTESIA

ARTESIA TOWN MEETING
Fire Hall

February 5, 1980

STORY

The town of Artesia really began with the coming of the rail road around 1853. With it came the Depot, Hotel, and Cafe. The rail road helped make the town the Hay Center of the world. The school played an important part in the social and cultural part of the life of every one here. We lost the school in 1950. The cafe and depot burned in the 70's and many of the older industries have been gone a number of years.

The people enjoy street lights, natural gas, water, two churches, a library, & fire dept. Each month the Baptist Church sponsors a luncheon for the Senior Citizens. Better phone service and a cement plant helps promote more jobs.

In the future we look forward to a health center, cafe, play grounds, for our children. More buisnesses and better streets will improve our community. We will also make Artesia more beautiful with plants and trees..

SONG

ARTESIA: OUR HOME TOWN (tune: Red Wings)

Well in 1853 the Rail Road came here
 Came to Artesia
 Brought booming business
 And we soon became Hay Center of the world
 Built schools and churches
 And really grew

Now we have a city hall and lady mayor
 a fire department
 And friendly neighbors
 We're a small town, we're the backbone of the country
 And we're not stopping
 Cause we're not done.

Now we're looking toward the future of Artesia
 It's full of promise
 We'll work together
 And we'll make our town the greatest in the country
 Cause we're ambitious
 In our home town!!!

CHALLENGES

In the arena of communications the following conditions exist: 1) no newspaper, 2) no radio, 3) no mimeo machine.. This indicates that the underlying challenge is getting someone to be a reporter and setting up a newspaper.

In the arena of recreation and better education the following conditions exist: 1) no money, 2) Little cooperation, 3) no leader to follow up on this arena. This indicates that the underlying challenge is finding a leader to get the cooperation we need. Illustrations of this challenge are 1) no education facility in the community which leads to illiteracy, welfare, and poor physical fitness.

In the arena of an adult day care center the following conditions exist: 1) there is no building for the center, 2) there is no money at hand for the center. This indicates that the underlying challenge is to investigate ways to obtain a building.

In the arena of City improvements and development the following conditions exist: 1) lack of funds, 2) lack of facilities and land, 3) lack of community pride. This indicates that the underlying challenge is educating citizens to the importance of community pride. Illustrations of this challenge are 1) litter on the streets especially at the RR crossings, and 2) loitering, and 3) the streets are full of pot holes

In the arena of hazardous waste dump the following conditions exist: 1) no reliable guidelines for construction, 2) no long time experience. This indicates that the underlying challenge is to obtain information to support opposition of construction. Illustrations of this challenge are 1) lack of info on the dump and 2) lack of good geological data of the soil.

PROPOSALS

We the citizens of Artesia in order to construct a recreation park facility propose to design a park and community center through 1) obtaining federal matching funds and local industry funds, 2) getting assistance of landscape department of the university, and 3) getting the community involved.

We the citizens of Artesia in order to provide meals for senior citizens for better nutrition propose to find a suitable site, through selecting a committee, having box suppers, having bake sales, and having a cake walk.

We the citizens of Artesia in order to have a reporter from artesia propose to appoint or ask for a volunteer, through purchasing a mimeograph machine, having clubs and churches form a committee, and having a weekly report from the mayor.

We the citizens of Artesia in order to dispense information about community events and activities propose to help inform the community of general information through display in public places accessible to everyone like the library window, and have a bulletin board made to be put up in a central location.

We the citizens of Artesia in order to work out congenial relations between ICG RR and citizens of Artesia propose to have a meeting of the citizens of Artesia to determine all aspects of the problems of noise pollution, disturbance of the peace and blocked RR crossings.

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