



"BUILDING TOGETHER FOR A BETTER
TOMORROW"

JUMPERTOWN TOWN MEETING
CITY HALL
MAY 25, 1979
JUMPERTOWN, MISSISSIPPI

Jumpertown got its name from one of the early settlers, over one hundred years ago. The old church was one of the first in this community and the cemetery is one of the oldest in the county. Jumpertown got its first grocery store around a hundred years ago and had a post office, but it was know as Dry Run at that time. It was located about a mile north of the Town Hall. This store was here during the War between the States. Our town has really grown in the last few years and doesn't look like the muddy road that my dad used to drive over four hundred head of hogs through back in the 1920's. We have something very few towns can boast of---We have a man and wife living here that have had their 60th wedding anniversary, got married in the house they still own and are living in. Two wonderful people, Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Fuller. They could tell much more about the past history of Jumpertown and the happenings of the county when our county seat was Old Jacinto.

The town of Jumpertown is rich in the world's most valuable resource---
GOOD PEOPLE. Five hundred and twenty of the world's finest people make up the citizens of Jumpertown. Together they have built a flourishing community with a sound progressive city government, four strong churches, a schoolsystem that we can be proud of, and a beautiful new city hall. Jumpertown has attracted a great deal of industry for a town of its size. It has a garment factory and a furniture factory. Both employ approximately 250 people. Not many towns can boast of this much local employment at our doorsteps. Students graduating from Jumpertown High School no longer have to leave their hometown to seek their fortunes. They can remain at home and raise their families in an environment that is wholesome and progressive.

Jumpertown's future is bright---we see great things on the horizon! Land is ours for a 14 acre park which will be in use next year and the sewer system project is in its second phase. People are already investing in our future with our community's gifts and our organized leadership. We will have a small business district with a post office, medical centre and bank---a community center of beauty and service!

COMMUNITY PROGRESS

Tune: "Smile Awhile"

Jumpertown's been here a hundred years---
County ~~folk~~ folk tell tales all filled with fears---
Good and bad events we've had
But today, we're very glad --- for

Jumpertown's got people that you love---
Jaycees, Jaycettes, Scouts all here to prove---
That we're a town that chose to BE---
A more beautiful city we hope to see!

KEEPING OUR SCHOOL

In the area of working together, the following blocks exist: 1. We could lose our school to consolidation 2. We need to get more people involved. This indicates that the challenge facing us is getting the county school board to see the need for our school and working to change the election process through organizing a county-wide effort. Illustrations: there are only 3 trustees instead of the required 5 on the board, voter apathy regarding voting for officials.

GETTING A BANK

In the area of Town Economics, the following blocks exist: 1. It costs too much to get a bank charter 2. Population is too small 3. People haven't really decided it's important enough. This indicates that the challenge facing us is getting people to work together to get a bank. Illustrations: no local bank, no research done on how to get one.

BUILDING A CITY PARK

In the area of building a city park, the following blocks exist: 1. The attitude of "let someone else do it" 2. People contented with the way things are 3. Lack of communication of what has been done and needs to be done. This indicates that the challenge facing us is gaining the cooperation of the school and citizens to obtain a BOR grant and raising the money to meet the other half of the grant. Illustrations: no city park, no programs for youth.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

In the area of protection, the following blocks exist: 1. no money to hire a full-time policeman 2. Lack of community involvement 3. Knowing how to use LEAA money 4. Getting someone willing to take 8 weeks of training 5. no communication on issues. This indicates that the underlying challenge facing us is getting people involved enough to report crimes. Illustrations: one part-time policeman with an unlisted phone number, inadequate number of volunteers for fire department.

We the citizens of Jumpertown, in order to assure the raising of matching park funds propose the formation of a new "Park Committee" with its first meeting this summer. This will be done by scheduling the first meeting as soon as the news of the grant arrives from B. O. R. - by July if possible - at the Town Hall - with one rep from each group in the community including county, town & school. Gary English convenor.

We the citizens of Jumpertown, in order to present proposals for community projects like the park and a bank branch propose a businessman's lunch to be held during the second week in Sept. in the factory break area. Invitations will come from the mayor to each of 13 local businessmen; Ruby Davis, coordinator.

We the citizens of Jumpertown, in order to assure protection from crime propose the hiring of a full-time marshall through obtaining citizen approval at an August referendum. The board of aldermen will initiate this action.

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