



LENA TOWN MEETING
CITY HALL
LENA, MISSISSIPPI
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Verse 1 We came from everywhere around
 To settle in this town,
 To build our homes, to work our land,
 And make our community sound.

Chorus Our town, Lena, It is the place to be
 Come let your family grow with us,
 Toward great prosperity.

Verse 2 We're working for a pretty park,
 And medical facilities too
 More industry, better economy,
 Isn't Lena the place for you?

In the arena of ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT the following conditions exists: few new jobs, no building for possible factory, inadequate future planning. This indicates the challenge is DEVELOPING LIVE-WIRE LEADERSHIP AND MOMENTUM TO DEAL WITH STAGNANT ECONOMIC SITUATION.

In the arena of COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT the following conditions exist: young couples live away, there is a housing shortage, our kids spend hours on the school bus. This indicates that the underlying challenge is THERE IS NO HIGH SCHOOL IN LENA.

In the arena of COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP the following conditions exist: no community center, no support from state or regional agencies, no comprehensive development plan. This indicates that the underlying challenge is NO FULL TIME LEADERSHIP TO TRACE ALL POSSIBLE SOURCES OF HELP AND DIRECT LONG TERM PROJECTS.

We the citizens of Lena, in order to DISCOVER THE ROLE OUR SMALL TOWN CAN PLAN propose to HOLD REGULAR "TOWN MEETINGS" (ONCE A MONTH OR ONCE EVERY TWO MONTHS) through

- 1) getting a meal provided
- 2) recruiting all citizens
- 3) personally inviting people.

We the citizens of Lena, in order to SUPPORT THE POSSIBLE NEW MEDICAL FACILITY IN TOWN propose to GET THE BUILDING FOR THE NURSE PRACTITIONER through

- 1) locating possible buildings or site
- 2) deciding about renovating old building or building new one
- 3) deciding on Bond or Individual Financing

We the citizens of Lena, in order to CREATE NEW PRIDE IN OUR TOWN propose to BEAUTIFY LENA, EVENTS through

- 1) each business doing own paint and fix up
- 2) town enforcing ordinances
- 3) talking to owners
- 4) everyone cleaning his own property
- 5) using county agent
- 6) developing our park.

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