

IVY CITY



LOCAL CITIZENS BUILDING THE FUTURE

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IVY CITY

PERFECTING OUR FUTURE DIRECTIONS

IVY CITY SONG

A NEW IVY CITY WITH ALL THE POISON GONE.
NO MORE BLACK MOTHERS LEFT ALONE,
TO RAISE THEIR KIDS ON THEIR OWN.
AND NO MORE FEAR OF WALKING THE STREETS ALONE
THROUGH RAIN, HEAT, HAIL AND SNOW, THEY WILL
HAVE NO FEAR, WHERE EVER THEY GO.
FOR THIS IS THE CITY I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW
FOR EVER AND EVER MORE.
STREETS THAT ARE NICE AND CLEAN,
PEOPLE BEING NICE AND NEVER MEAN.
LIVING IN HARMONY THAT THE IVY CITY FOR ME
A COMMUNITY CALLED UNITY.

THE CHANGING FACE OF IVY CITY

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IVY CITY TOWN MEETING

Once upon a time Ivy City was a quiet and peaceful community. Neighbors were friendly and honest. You could go shopping and leave your door open. There were many community resources. Clean streets, well kept schools, and many outdoor activities.

Soon there was a change -- first for the worst and then for the better. Many new neighbors moved in, property began to be destroyed, stealing and robbery started, stores closed down. Later, better education programs and community clubs were organized through churches and organizations.

Unity, cooperation, concern and knowing what we want and need will make Ivy City not only a proud place in which to live and others to visit, but will be a more beautiful place than it used to be.

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POEM

ivy city childrens town meeting

IVY CITY

YOU'LL BE ALWAYS MY SHINING STAR

TO SHINE FOR ME.

YOU LEAD ME CAREFULLY ON MY WAY

TO MAKE A SUCCESSFUL DAY.

I'LL TRY MY BEST TO SUCCEED

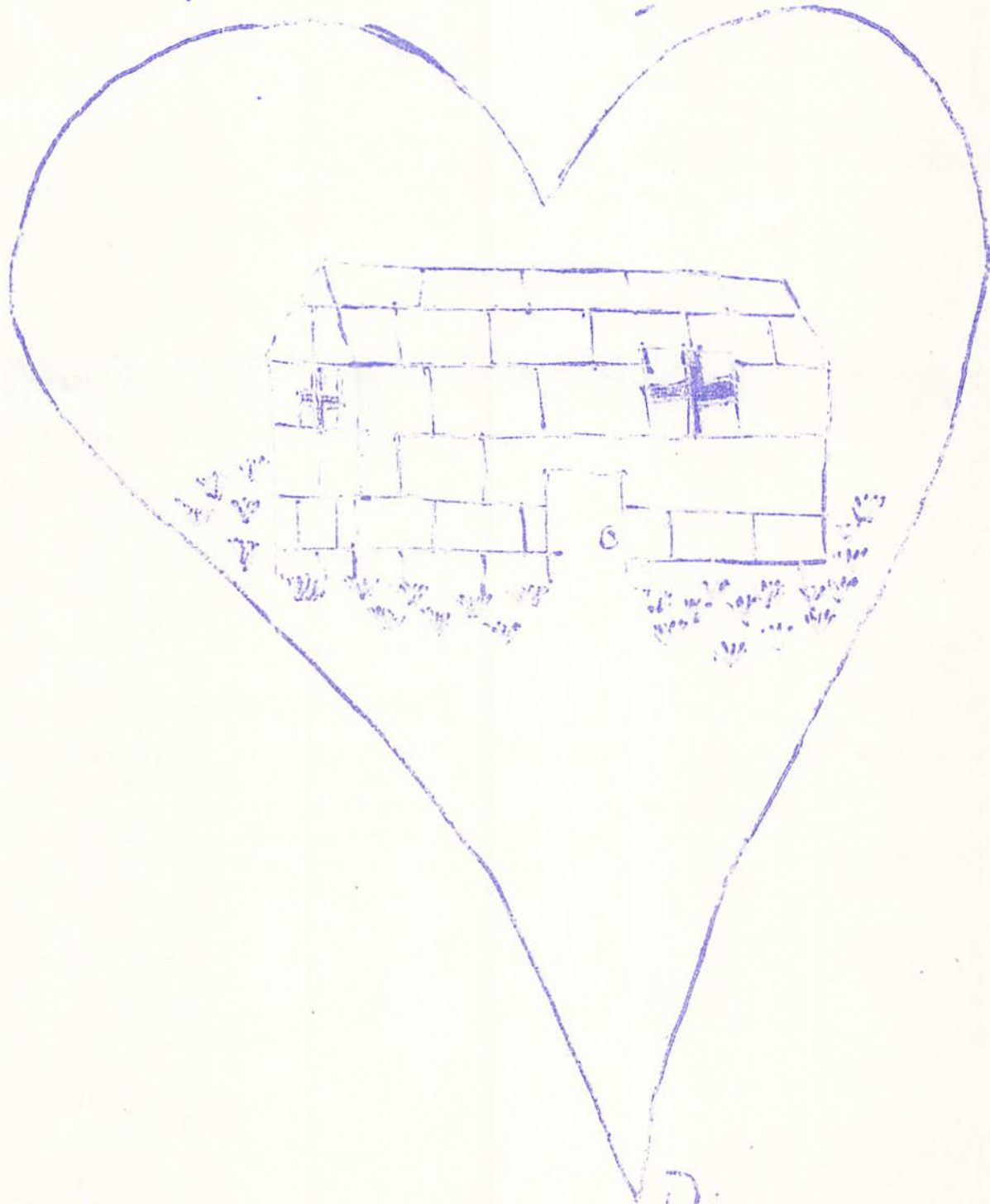
IN IVY CITY.

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SYMBOL

IVY CITY CHILDRENS TOWN MEETING

The Future for My Community



dove and Peace

CHALLENGES

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ECONOMIC

Community Block Club Project

In the arena of Block Club output the fact that financial backing, organizational support, and new community relations are needed indicates that the underlying contradiction is building community organization support. This contradiction is illustrated by Block Club beautification.

Community Production Forces

In the arena of planning local economy the fact that community resources remain undeveloped and undistributed indicates that the underlying contradiction is creating a way to use the human resource groupings in the community responsibly. This contradiction is illustrated by developing City Council support and developing Ivy City council work forces.

POLITICAL

Political Knowledge Access

In the arena of voter education the fact that only one out of every seven voters show up to vote indicates that the underlying contradiction is the lack of voter education, being available through voter education drive to insure participation. This contradiction is illustrated by the fact that during election turn out there is low participation on the part of the community.

CULTURAL

Motivating Individual Support

In the arena of community support skills, the fact that knowledge, care and concern for community itself has to be learned, indicates that the underlying contradiction is obtaining individual support for community improvement. This contradiction is illustrated by dirty environments.

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ECONOMIC

Community Based Economy

in the areas of developing financial and economic activities the fact that much unemployment, lack of marketable skills, and prevailing low incomes continue in rising statistical levels indicates that the underlying contradiction is in locating funds to release and update community financial responsibility. This contradiction is illustrated by using community resources to generate a self-sustaining local economy.

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IVY CITY WORK MEETING

Ivy City Beautification Project

We the citizens of Ivy City, in order to make Ivy City more liveable, propose to organize a beautification project for Ivy City through block clubs, other block demonstrations, with business sponsors.

Develop Citizen Interest

We the citizens of Ivy City, in order to promote community awareness of political policy, propose that we develop the interest of the people through organizing block clubs to respond to that existing need by meeting to inform them of various government policies.

Produce Community Newsletter

We the citizens of Ivy City, in order to create direct community involvement and participation, propose the production of a community newsletter through securing funding; locating a volunteer community staff; soliciting facility, materials, and equipment; and creating a newsletter format.

Operation Support

We the citizens of Ivy City, in order to create community awareness, propose to achieve a common set of goals through challenges 1, 2, 3, and 4 through participation of every element of this community.

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