

S O C I A L D E M O N S T R A T I O N

WASHINGTON D.C.



TOWN MEETING '76
PRIMAL COMMUNITY EXPERIMENT



Ready Or Not-
76 Is D,C,

**Facing
Up To
40 Million
Visitors**

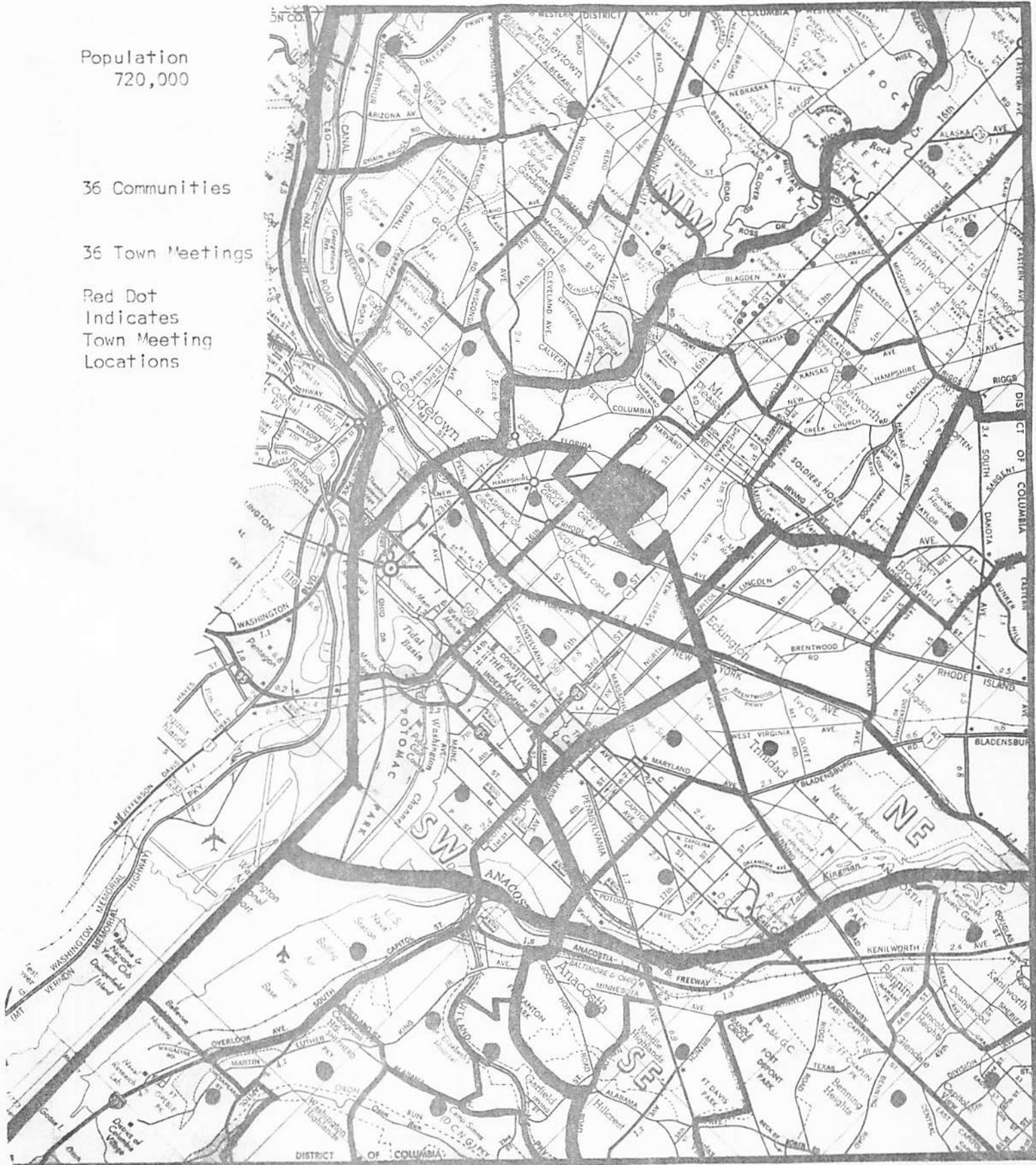
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Population
720,000

36 Communities

36 Town Meetings

Red Dot
Indicates
Town Meeting
Locations



FUNCTION, CRITERIA AND VALUE

The Town Meeting 76, as a Washington Metro social demonstration program, has massive impact on individuals and communities through an actual participation experience. Town Meeting 76 initiates the rebalancing of the economic, political and cultural poles of the social process. Metro Guilds, representative groups of citizens working to resolve practical community concerns, will be the natural outcome of Town Meeting 76. This social demonstration will forge new directions in national unity through local citizens consensing on common needs.

The Town Meeting will renew the consciousness of the community's rich heritage and its future possibilities. It will heighten the community's understanding of its responsibility for dealing with the issues affecting its life. Town Meeting will be a demonstration to political leaders who will give authorization in other communities across the nation.

In developing criteria for Town Meeting locations, community impact needs to be evaluated. In holding a town meeting at a particular site, it needs to be an example for others to see. The design of town meeting is geared to localized impact as well as catalysis at a broader regional level. → To secure support, insure that local community support from economic, political, and cultural segments is sought and nurtured. The last four weeks of the town meeting preparation timeline, the steering committee usually will need to meet twice weekly to maintain motivity and coordinate practics. In researching the community, consider population densities, economic, political and cultural leaders, and symbolic and functional nodes. To discern the Primary Community Experiment potential, review the town meeting within the context of the nine pressure points.

In the twentieth century, Washington has become a complex network of urban communities. The population of the District of Columbia exceeds the population of five states of this country. The sign value of Town Meeting 76 will be directed to the symbolic power of the nation's capital in the context of January 1975 emancipation from total regulation by Congress. This is the first time in over 80 years that citizens of the District of Columbia have had the right to vote for officials (mayor and councilmen) who were directly controlling their destiny. Using the local focus of the bicentennial, citizens will become aware of their rich heritage and will direct their care towards new horizons of the future. Grassroots citizen participation will reveal the power of corporate decision making and the practical possibility of forging "community" anew as a corporate body: this is the expectancy of the 21st Century and at the same time the historical necessity for all people of the globe. The Washington Metro forces stand accountable to the privilege of this "historical moment" and resolve to forge a sign of transformed polity on behalf of every local community across the world.

WASHINGTON D.C. -- A SOCIAL DEMONSTRATION: Two Year Time-line

February
1975

Winter 75	Spring 75	Summer 75	Fall 75	Winter 76	Spring 76	Summer 76	Fall 76
INITIATION PHASE		ACCELERATION PHASE		IMPLEMENTATION PHASE		ACTUALIZATION PHASE	
Pilot Town Meeting March 22	Six Town Meetings May 31, & n 7	Advocates/ Sponsors Enlistment	Thirty-Six Town Meetings Oct, Nov		Thirty-Six Town Meetings		Thirty-Six Town Meetings
			↓	Three Implementation Consults	Guild/ Galaxy Formation	Launch Six P.C.E.'s	
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	Movement SMS: D.C.		LENS SMS PLC/RSI	LENS SMS PLC/RSI	LENS SMS PLC/RSI		LENS SMS PLC/RSI
			Consensus Assembly			Global Research Assembly	

T/M

PCE
DEVELOPMENT

TRAINING

GLOBAL
RESEARCH

ECONOMIC	POLITICAL	CULTURAL
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Chamber of Commerce 2. Local Community Merchants Association 3. Labor Union Locals 4. Banks 5. Local Manufacturers 6. Local Service Industries 7. Metro. Washington Planning and Housing Association 8. United Planning Organization 9. Credit Unions 10. Advertising Council 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mayor, Councilmen by Wards 2. D.C. BiCentennial Commission 3. League of Women Voters 4. D.C. BiCentennial Assembly Delegation 5. Precinct Police Stations 6. Congressman Fauntroy 7. D.C. Black Assembly 8. D.C. Public Library 9. Civic/Citizens Associations 10. Local Federally funded Community Organizations -PAC -PRIDE -NDC -Model Cities 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Local Churches 2. Kiwanis 3. Lions 4. Jaycees 5. Masons 6. Rotarians 7. Business & Professional Women 8. Boy Scouts 9. Girl Scouts 10. YMCA/YWCA 11. Bnai Brith 12. Civic/Citizens Assoc. 13. A.A.U.W. 14. Church Women United 15. Afro-American BiCent. 16. Junior League 17. Boys Club 18. Women's City Club 19. Universities 20. PTA 21. D.C. Board of Educat. 22. Fraternal Orders 23. Sororities 24. United Fund Service 25. Agencies and related people 26. A.A.R.P. 27. Knights of Columbus 28. LuLac 29. United Tenants 30. Common Cause 31. Kal Merrick and Salau Advertising Inc. 32. Block Clubs 33. Elders Clubs 34. Youth Associations 35. Bar Association 36. Federal City Council

PARISHES: TOWN MEETING SITES

		1	2	3	4	5	6
SECTORS	ROCK CREEK	Elem. School Branch Rd. Library McKinley Rd.	Library Conn. Ave. Elem. Cleveland	Boys Club S St. Trinity School 45th	Episcopal Foxhall Rd. Elem. Calvert Rd.	Sibley Mem. Hosp. Episcopal Kingle Rd.	Library Tenley Circle St. Anne's Tenley Circle (not gridded)
	CAPITOL	Elem. School Q St. Luthern Church Q St.	Catholic 5th St. King Library 6 St.	Elem. K St. Baptist K St.	Elem. 6 St. Synagouge 6 St.	George Wash. Hosp. 23rd Rd. Elem. Sch./6St	Catholic Conn. Ave. Methodist 15th St.
	GEORGIA AVE.	Luthern Ch. Walter Reed Elem. School Kalamera Rd.	Senior High 6 St. Junior High Missouri	Baptist Sheridian Cr. Elem. 5th St.	Senior High 14th St. Junior High 11th St.	Library Park Rd. Unitarian 16th & Columbia	Senior High 13th St. Methodist 16th St.
	CAPITOL EAST	Providence Hosp. Brookland Elem.	Library South Dakota Elem. School 18th St.	Elem. Bladensburg High School Benning Rd.	Elem. Penn. Ave. Causality Hosp. Mass. Ave.	Senior High R St. Presby. Minnesota Ave.	High School Summit Pl. Baptist R.I.
	BENNING	Methodist Ch. Sheriff Rd. Elem. School Nash Rd.	Senior High 56th Jr. High 47th	Elem. 49th St. Jr. High Ely Pl.	Baptist Alabama Rd. Episcopal Alabama Rd.	Elem. School Penn. Ave. Methodist Penn. Ave.	Library Benning Rd.
	ANACOSTIA	Baptist M.L.K. Blvd. Elem. M.L.K. Blvd.	Jr. High Robinson Rd. Elem. Douglas Rd.	Elem. School 15th Morris Cafritz Mem. Hosp.	Senior High Savannah Rd. Elem. Chesapeake	Hadley Mem. Hosp. Elem. School Darrington Rd.	Boiling Airforce Base

GEO-SOCIO ANALYSIS: TOWN MEETING/LENS

Geog.							
Socio							
P O L I T I C.	Elect Ldrshp						
	Bur. Str.						
E C O N O M I C	Priv. Enter.						
	Assoc/ Labor Unions						
C U L T U R A L	Soc. Servic						
	Educ Inst.						
	Hist. Chur.						
	Servi/ Civic Assoc.						
	Other						

AUTHORIZATION WORKSHEET
SOCIAL STRUCTURES

SOCIO GEOG	POLITICAL	ECONOMIC	CULTURAL
LOCAL			
MUNICIPAL (Metropoli tan)			
PROVINCIAL STATE			
FEDERAL			
GLOBAL			

GEO-SOCIO ANALYSIS: RSI/PLC - GALAXY

		Geog.					
		Socio					
D E N O M I N A T I O N S	R.C.						
	Luth.						
	Epis.						
	UMC						
	Pres.						
	Bapt.						
	UCC						
	Other						
	Ecum.						

AUTHORIZATION WORKSHEET
HISTORICAL CHURCH

Socio Geog.	SYMBOLIC LEADERS	BUREAUCRATIC SYSTEMS	ADVISORY COUNCILS
LOCAL			
REGIONAL			
NATIONAL			
GLOBAL			



THE NEW U COMMUNITY

MERIDIAN ST.

BELMONT ST.

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CENTER ST.

GARFIELD HOSPITAL

BARRY AVENUE

PL.

COLLEGE

REEDMANS HOSPITAL

BRYANT

W

ST.

ST.

ST.

ST.

ST.

AMERICAN LEAGUE BASEBALL PARK

H.U.

AVENUE

ORYNER PL.

14

12

GAROLINE ST.

WALLACH PL.

WESTMINSTER ST.

FLORIDA

ST.

ST.

AVENUE

ST. 6

RIGGS PL.

FRENCH ST.

ST.

ST.

ST.

16TH

15TH

ST.

14TH

WIGMAN PL.

HETI

12TH

MARION

WAR

Washington, D.C. is a symbol of decision making which powerfully affects the whole globe. It is therefore a primary target for city wide Social Demonstration. The following is a statement of the project's function sign value and criteria for selection. It is recommended that it serve as a guide for developing a strategy to accomplish this task, region-wide.

The Primal Community Experiment is the key mode of social demonstration in our time--a sign of how local man can concretely care for his community and the world. Mankind is becoming increasingly aware of the interrelationships of structures and social groupings which comprise global society. Yet in the face of the demand to care for this world, he finds his life more and more fragmented. He knows that if all the problems and all the people are not dealt with, social structures will collapse. The Primal Community Experiment is a concrete demonstration of the possibility of rebuilding human community.

The impact on the world of the Primal Community Experiment depends on the careful selection of target areas in which the experiment will be launched. The global impact of a Primal Community Experiment in these areas of Washington, D.C. would be high because they represent burnt-out areas in other parts of the world where much effort and expense have shown little positive or permanent improvement in the life-style of lower-income people. In decaying neighborhoods, the intensity and the comprehensiveness of effort required to renew the community is far more awesome and of more signal value than in stable neighborhoods, however, the difficulty of the task of renewal is mitigated by the popular perception of the need for positive, comprehensive action. All people have been disturbed by the gulf between the "haves" and the "have-nots;" the raising of a concrete sign of hope in a community known for its decay will enable the community to experience itself as caring for all the needs of all its people. When these target areas are transformed into vital, on-going primal communities, they will demonstrate to all of society the possibility of any area being brought alive and sustained as a profoundly human community.

The Primal Community Experiment is a living demonstration of the worthwhileness of all of life, exactly as life is. The quality of life, the spirit of life itself, and the future depends on the existence of a visible, living sociological demonstration of this worthwhileness, as it is discovered in twentieth century society. Such a discovery, manifested in a concrete social setting, is the "why" of the Primal Community Experiment. Washington, D.C. shows up at this time in history as a community acutely conscious of its need to experiment with ways and forms that grassroots man can take greater responsibility for the city's direction, as well as an acute realization of this interrelatedness of, and dependency on, economic and cultural resources (within the city as a whole) throughout the city--all of which makes D.C. ripe for the demonstration that the Primal Community Experiment is.

Because various religious traditions have their national shrines, national churches and/or headquarters here, Washington, D.C. has the possibility of impacting the nation and the world in terms of authorization of the Primal Community Experiment. More particularly, the Primal Community Experiment plays a crucial role in affecting the religious traditions by demonstrating the possibility of their participation in such grassroots reformulation of human

The New U Community -- Town Meeting 76

Steering Committee

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Harrison Community Council

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Lucille Taylor, 2017 Portner Pl. N.W., 332-2680

Midway Civic Association

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Central Northwest Citizens Association

Edith P. DeBruhl, 1814 13th St. N.W., 667-5743

Neighborhood Advisory Council, N.D.C. #2

Paul Pratt, 2001 16th St. N.W., 332-1608

Neighborhood Development Center #2, United Planning Organization

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Pride, Inc.

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Bella-Jane Harris, 1536 U Street N.W., 483-1900
Pamela Roch, 1536 U Street N.W., 483-1900

Urban League

Milicent Davis, 1424 16th Street N.W., 265-8200

American Association of University Women

Eddymae Redding Beards, 835 Whittier Place N.W. 726-5028

Augustana Lutheran Church

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Walker Memorial Baptist Church

Reginal Green, 2020 13th Street N.W., 234-5219

Saint Paul and Augustine Roman Catholic Church

Fr. Kemp, (Raymond), 1425 V Street, N.W., 265-1470

Sponsoring Organizations

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS AND CHURCHES

Harrison Community Council
Midway Civic Association
Central Northwest Citizens Association
Neighborhood Advisory Council, N.D.C. #2
Parent Child Center
YMCA: Anthony Bowen Branch
YWCA: Phyllis Weatley
Urban League
American Association of University Women
Augustana Lutheran Church
Walker Memorial Baptist Church
St. Paul and Augustine Catholic Church
Freedom Baptist Church

BUSINESS AND SERVICE AGENCY GROUPS

Appearance Valet
Bower's Market
Briscow's Barber and Beauty Salon
Columbia Lighthouse for the Blind
District Theatres
Federal Cab Association, Inc.
Henson's Jewelers
Industrial Bank of Washington
Lee's Florist
Mirror Beauty Salon
Powder Box Beauty Salon
Southern Aid Life Insurance, Inc.