

DELTA-PACE VOICE

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"A Small Town With A Big Future"

TWENTY YEAR DEVELOPMENT PLAN TAKING SHAPE

The community meetings for key decisions shaping the Comprehensive Development Plan for Pace have continued regularly on Tuesday evenings. Many major recommendations concerning Pace's future have been made by this group composed of the Board of Aldermen and many other interested and concerned citizens. Planner, Tom Hitt, of the Mississippi Research and Development Center has made presentations of his inventory work and preliminary recommendations on existing land-use, population projection, future land-use and annexation areas, zoning and subdivision regulations, community facilities and streets. Engineer Jim Elliot presented a thorough report on the Utilities Study proposal done by his firm, Diversified Consultants.

The Comprehensive Plan meetings will be concluded on March 6, at which time final reports will be written for the April 1st publication date. The agendas for the remaining meetings are as follows:

DATE	FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS	NEW PRESENTATION	DISCUSSION
Jan. 24	Annexation Area	Streets Community Facilities	Streets Community Facilities
Jan. 31	--	--	Streets Community Facilities
Feb. 7	Streets Community Facilities	Housing	Housing
Feb. 14	--	--	Housing
Feb. 21	Housing	Public Improvements Management	Public Improvements Management
Mar. 6	Public Improvements Management	Future Implications	Future Implications
Weekend Session (Tentative)		Official final discussion and decisions	

Everyone in Pace is invited and encouraged to attend these Tuesday evening meetings and participate in planning for the future of the town.

ATTRIBUTE

Words are always inadequate to express the spirit of a person, the gift that his or her life has been to a family or a community. To state simply, however, what the gift was that Barbara Smith brought to life, it can be said that she was a person who didn't hold back.

She didn't hold back her time - no one will ever know the long evenings that went into planning a community celebration, doing school records, or making Christmas presents for the children. She didn't hold back her money - it went for Thanksgivings and open houses, for supplies that appeared and were never reimbursed. And most difficult of all, she didn't hold back her commitment. Long ago she committed herself to educating a community, especially its children and giving new horizons to their lives. A year ago, with the same reluctance many felt, she committed herself in a new way to the world, to building a better Pace on behalf of the world, and a few short months ago, she committed herself to the establishment of the preschool, a job that was pure gamble, but which she undertook with resolve and determination. She liked to talk about how her big mouth always got her into trouble - but rarely mentioned the times it gave people a new example of courage and possibility.

One of the phrases we have used lately is "The task before us now, if we would not perish, is to shake off our ancient prejudices and build the earth." Barbara shook many of her prejudices and shook other peoples' - not only black and white or city and country, but where others said something was impossible, she proved it was possible. And I trust, that just as God took good care of her in life, so He will take care of her in death, and so so He will take care of you and me as we continue the task of building a new earth.

"Every man's death diminishes me for I am involved with Mankind." - Donne

We would also remember Mr. A.L. Frazier, Mrs. Alice Lee, and Mr. Jimmy Smith, who died in this past week. Each of them enriched the life of this community and our thoughts and prayers are with their families.

TOWN MEETING: MISSISSIPPI "UPDATE"

Last May, Town Meetings were held in more than 20 towns and cities throughout the Mississippi Delta to encourage and help support greater citizen involvement and responsibility in local communities.

The Town Meetings were a part of a nationwide program to see that at least one Town Meeting was held in every one of the 3,100 counties in the United States. To date, 18 states have had one or more Town Meetings in every county, and in all other states, Town Meetings are in process of being held county by county.

The effort to complete Mississippi (63 remaining counties) began last week, and already 11 towns in 11 different counties have scheduled Town Meetings for next week. These are demonstration Town Meetings, one per county, and will be the springboard for other meetings later. Watch for more news, and call the ICA office (723-6745) to recommend towns or persons that should be visited.

WATCH FOR NEWS AND ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM EACH STATE IN THE NEXT ISSUE OF THE VOICE!

call 723-6745 if there is something you want included.

LEADERSHIP TRAINING WEEKEND HELD

A leadership methods training weekend held recently in the Preschool, involved representatives from many groups in Pace, including education structures, Jaycees, Pace Volunteer Fire Department, Stakes and Guilds, Delta Pace Community Association, Boy Scout leadership, the YSC and the Health Advocates.

The three sessions on Friday evening and all day Saturday focused on effective methods and skills for leading group conversations, workshops, planning meeting agendas, and leading meetings.

The group decided on Saturday afternoon to experiment in using the methods for the next three months in the various community and group meetings they are involved in.

SATURDAY NIGHT AT THE MOVIES

"Saturday Night At the Movies" will resume in the old town hall on Saturday evenings from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. The entrance fee of 50¢ per person will cover cost of popcorn and cold drinks and, in the future, occasional rental of feature length films.

YSC PROPOSES YOUTH CENTER

The YSC will be making a presentation to the Delta Pace Community Association recommending that a Youth Recreation Center be located in the old town hall. The youth have done serious planning and have recommendations about supervision and operating rules. They will be asking adults from the community to serve as volunteer supervisors and advisors for the center and its activities.

PACE BOY SCOUT TROUP ORGANIZED

Over 56 boys in Pace have signed up for the new Pace Boy Scout Troup, and more than half of these have already paid their National Boy Scout membership registration fee of \$2.

Regular Scout meetings will be held twice monthly at the elementary school and special activities and outings are being planned. When the weather improves, they will be going on monthly overnight camping trips. In the meantime, they are preparing for the District Boy Scout Jamboree to held in March at the Boy Scout Camp near Scotts, Mississippi.

Stake Three initiated the beginning of the Troop as a response to the need they saw for organized activities for boys in Pace. Group supervisors and leaders are Robert Taylor, William Bell, Ronald Lawson, and Roderick Hall; Coordinators are Lynn Pennington and Robert Towers, and the Sponsor is Willie Dean Smith, Pace Elementary School Principal.

Due to the overwhelming response of the boys in signing up and attending the meetings, additional volunteers are needed to help with the activities. Parents and interested people are invited to participate and help either on a regular basis or for special activities and trips.

The membership registration fee is \$2.00 for each boy and can be paid at the elementary school office. The \$2 is for both local and national membership and is for one year. If your child wishes to also receive the monthly national Boy Scout magazine, "Boy's Life", an additional \$3, paid at the time of registration will provide one year's subscription.

DELTA PACE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
ELECTS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Delta Pace Community Association held its first meeting of this year on Monday, January 9, at which time seven members were elected to the Board of Directors. The Association received its charter on November 4, 1977, and represents the citizens of Pace as a not-for-profit organization to serve the whole community.

Following the January 9th meeting, the new board met briefly to elect officers and to set the day and time for its regular monthly meetings. Those elected to the board are: Frank Powell (President), Richard Henry (Vice-President), Willie Dean Smith (Treasurer), Creola Williams (Secretary), Willie B. Towers, Robert LeFlore, and A.L. Symonds.

In its first regularly scheduled meeting, on Wednesday, January 11, the board approved the by-laws as stated in the charter, initiated proceedings for setting up financial procedures and records, and decided to move immediately in applying for tax-exempt status.

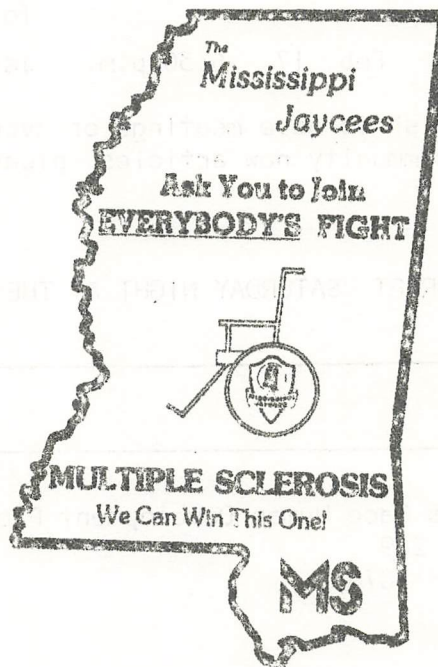
Residents of Pace are invited and encouraged to become members of the Association and to participate in its activities and meetings. Board meetings will be regularly held on the first Wednesday of each month. The meetings are open to the public. Yearly membership is \$1.00.

JAYCEES PARTICIPAT IN NATIONAL
MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS DRIVE

The Pace Jaycees are participating with Jaycee Chapters across the nation in raising funds for Multiple Sclerosis. The goal set by the Jaycee Chapters in the state of Mississippi is \$15,000. The Pace chapter will sponsor fund raising events on Saturday, March 4. Watch for posters and announcements for times and locations.

All men in Pace, 18 years and older are invited to join the Pace Chapter which meets regularly on Friday evenings at 6:30 at the elementary school.

Henry Knox,
President



PLEASE HELP US TO HELP YOU AND YOUR FRIENDS -- PACE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT.

The PVFD wishes to remind citizens in Pace that when the fire alarm is sounded to please stay off the streets, pull your car over to the side of the street if you are driving so that the fire department volunteers can safely and quickly get to the fire. At the site of a fire, people are to stay at least 200 or more feet away from the fire and fire fighting equipment and personell. Citations will be given to those disregarding this rule.

Meetings for all PVFD members are scheduled for the first and third Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Town Hall. All members are asked to attend so you will be recognized as a PVFD member and be on the official roll, and participate in improving the department.

--Henry Knox, PVFD Deputy Chief