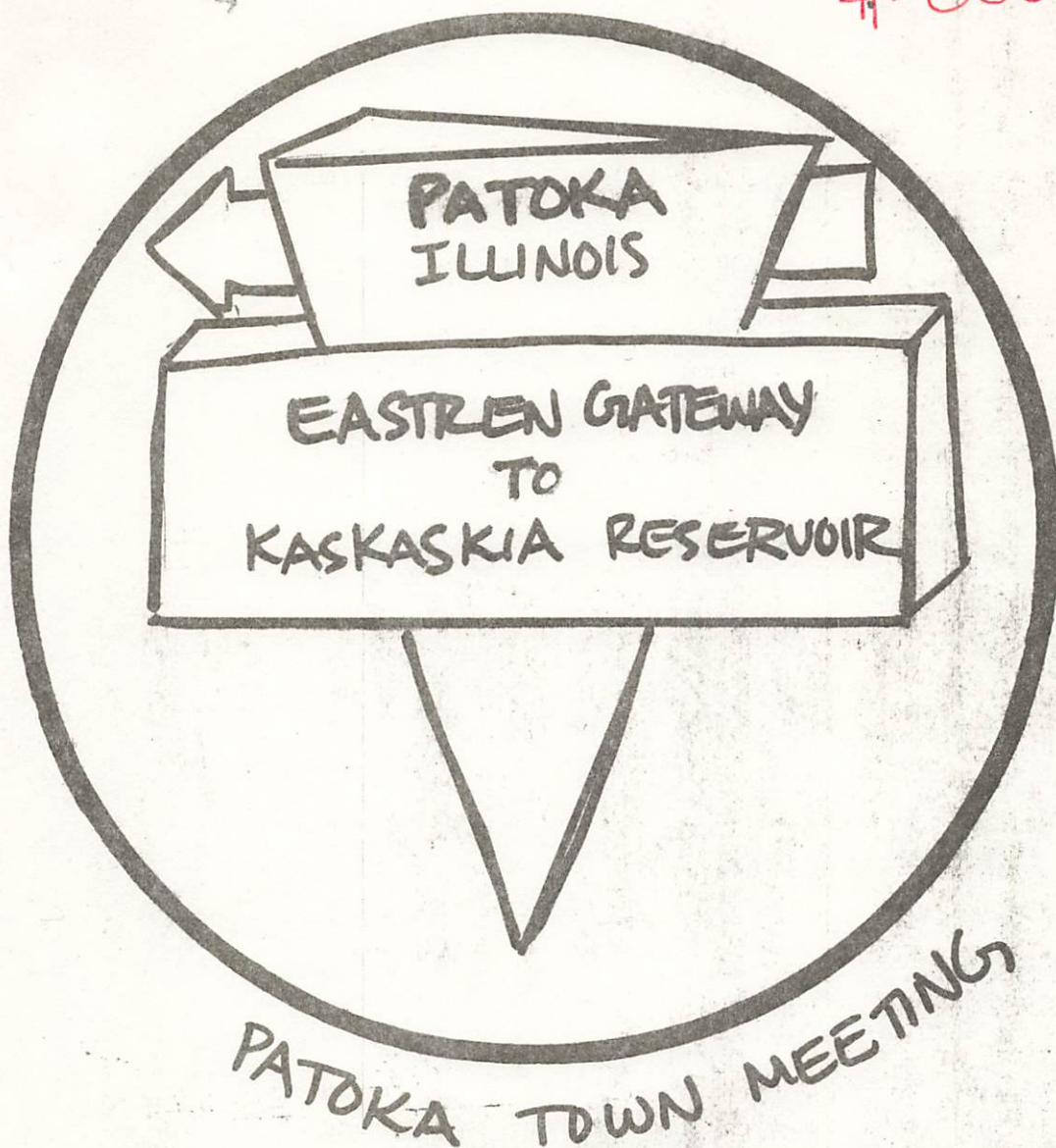


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Town Meeting: Illinois

THE SONG

A SONG FOR PATOKA

(Tune: When the Saints Go Marching In)

Oh welcome to
PATOKA town
The very best town for miles around
Oh won't you come and join our number
And then a new town will be found.

LOOKING AT THE PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE

PAST

Founded in 1854
1954 Centennial Celebration
Chief Patoka gave blessing to town: Patoka will never be destroyed by wind
1906 and 1960 School burned down twice , now have Community unit school
Illinois Central Railroad picked Patoka because of its central location
Patoka is major receiving center for crude oil from Mexico, involving 7 large oil co's
Construction of Lake Carlyle , 6 miles west - 26,000 acres of lake
1937-38 Oil Boom
Major community center for supplying large farms in area
We're a friendly town
Town Board has seen that Patoka has all necessary public utilities
1969 Service Center

FUTURE

More local control, decentralization of government
Anti-trust action on large corporations
Money staying in town
Lessen control of Unions
More business brought into community
Public transportation through town
More things for youth to do
Nursing home and Housing for Senior Citizens

PRESENT ISSUES AND CONCERNS

No practical way that private interests can be successful without state or federal aid
Community unity and cooperation to get things done
Finances are small - hard to get start-up money
Need to attract industry to town
Many state requirements to be met
Need to organize investors
Difficult getting adult supervision for youth
Holding on to our school
If you have no car, or can't drive, there's no way out of town
Money tends to be spent out of town
Unions disrupt our lives and there's no way to speak to them
Energy shortage in the future
Farm prices to farmers
Drug problem
Inflation
Moral decay

THE CHALLENGES

"LET JOHN DO IT"

IN THE ARENA OF SOCIAL SYSTEMS BREAKDOWN, these blocks exist: lack of ambition, parental delinquency,, infiltration of bad habits from foreign lands, definite lack of authority at home, school, or in government, non-certification of teachers, preachers, and public officials this indicates that the underlying contradiction is IN OUR AFFLUENT SOCIETY, PEOPLE WANT TO BE INDEPENDENT AND CHASE TO CARE FOR THEIR NEIGHBOR this is illustrated by more crime, disinterested and participating politicians, lack of citizenery in public affairs because they ask, "What good does it do?"

WEAK ECONOMIC BASE

IN THE ARENA OF MONEY MALNUTRITION, these blocks exist don't know how to go about it having time to investigate and it's hard to get people working This indicates that the underlying contradiction is WE DON'T KNOW HOW TO APPROACH GROWTH FROM LOCAL STANDPOINT this is illustrated by not knowing how to get to the right person, priorities on other uses of time prevent time spent of investigating local growth possibilities.

WILL PARTICIPATION HELP?

IN THE ARENA OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATION, these blocks exist: we don't vote, we don't grab opportunities, there is a lack of young leadership; people don't speak out for what they think is right, This indicates that the underlying contradiction is that citizens don't want to get involved This is illustrated by school election - many of us didn't go, there is an attitude of "If I don't have kids, I don't need to vote"

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THE PROPOSALS

COMMUNITY FESTIVALS

WE THE CITIZENS OF PATOKA in order to raise money to support existing projects and afford the opportunity for people to get together PROPOSE holding Community Festivals through several organizations in town forming committees: Lions, Legion, and Legion Auxilery.

GRANTSMANSHIP

WE THE CITIZENS OF PATOKA in order to provide needed services for the community PROPOSE to investigate grants and Senior Citizen Housing through forming a committee to investigate and invite guest speakers that can inform us on how to get grants.

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PARTICIPANTS

1. Les Vandever retired
2. Earl Nelson retired
3. Corrine Hughes
4. Audrey Kissner retired
5. Lucy Belle Watkins cafe owner
6. Virden Fowler retired
7. Mildred Walton retired
8. Bertha Miller retired
9. Erma Sanders retired
10. John Buck mayor and truck driver
11. Erva Harper retired
12. Harry A. Jansenn grocery store owner
13. Leslie M. Griffin banker
14. Mark Cox mor
15. David M. Bowen South Central Planning and community
Develo-ment
16. Ginny Bowen house sife
17. Betty Johnson secretary
18. Dorothy Griffin house wife
19. Thelma Riley homemaker
20. Alice Langehomemaker
21. Paul ~~Quale~~ Quale labor
22. Thural Morey retired
23. Della Morey homemaker
24. Betty Norris housewife
25. Russell Norris retired
26. James E. Flint pastor
27. Hugh O'dell dietary worker
28. Mrs. Hugh O'dell bank teller
29. J.R. Nelson state trooper
30. Rev. Roy Hudson minister
31. Alvin Perkins past mayor of Patoka
32. Margaret Perkins housewife
33. Glenda Johnson Town Meeting Volunteer
34. Catherine Bundy Town Meeting Volunteer



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HUMAN DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

two year community development efforts

COMMUNITY FORUMS

one day "town meetings"

one day "global women's forums"

one day "community youth forums"

LENS (Living Effectively in the New Society)

week-end seminar on management planning

PLANNING CONSULTATIONS

of any time design or orientation -- to be arranged

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