

MAYOR'S PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, it is in the interest of the City of Oklahoma City to promote unity and harmony among its citizens; and

WHEREAS, engaging creative participation of community residents is essential for the function of democracy; and

WHEREAS, our nation is celebrating the AMERICAN BICENTENNIAL; and

WHEREAS, historically TOWN MEETINGS were used to hear citizens' concern and enable them to be involved in shaping the community's future; and

WHEREAS the Civic organizations of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, are sponsoring a one day community gathering at St. Luke's United Methodist Church on February 28, 1976, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Patience Latting, Mayor of The City of Oklahoma City, do hereby proclaim Saturday, February 28, 1976, as

"TOWN MEETING DAY"

in The City of Oklahoma City and urge all our citizens to attend and actively participate in creating the future of our community and the American nation.

GIVEN under my hand and the Seal of The City of Oklahoma City this 28th day of February, 1976.

City of Oklahoma

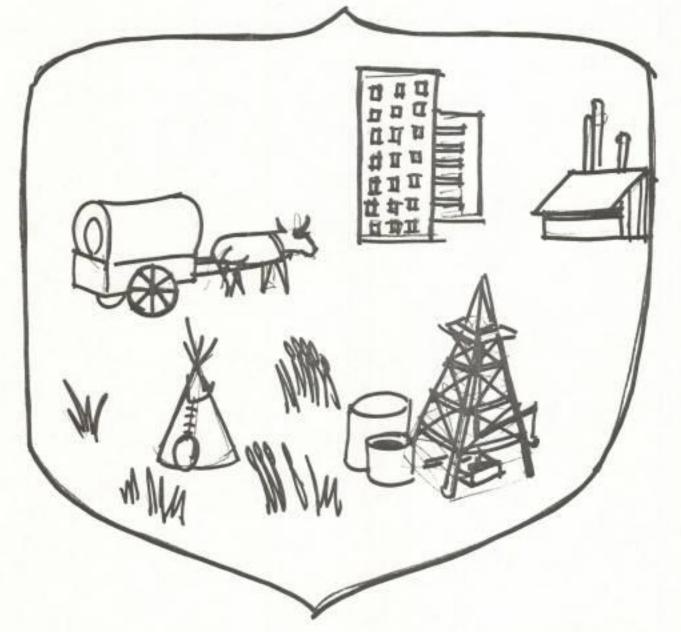
Patience Latting, Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

(Seal)

FROM A STRUGGLING START
CENTRAL CITY 5 MAIRCHES ON



SYMBOL

SPIRIT SONG '76 Tune: 76 trombones

'76 was the year that it all began!
That was the year we declared we were free!
Men stood up to proclaim their rights and liberty,
Free to worship,
Free to live,
Free to be!

So we declare once again our country will be strong! This is when men right the wrong! We will all do our part from the depths of our hearts! Let's unite to sing this spirit song!

'76 is the year that we start a new!
This is the year we declare we are free!
We stand up to proclaim that our rights are the same,
P-se to worship,
Pree to live,
Pree to be!

Written at Oklahoma City Town Meeting, Oklahoma February 28, 1976

Spirit of the Plains

In 1899 people came and settled the territory now known as Oklahoma City.

At this time, Oklahoma was Indian territory. Pioneers came in wagon train and immediately began to establish a town. Opening churches, schools, and businesses, these people lived together for many years without an official system of law and order. Oklahoma entered the Union in 1907 as the 46 state. The capital was first located in Guthrie and later moved to Oklahoma City. Soon oil was discovered, making Oklahoma a popular and rich state.

We have endeavored since the discovery of this great land to unite all people under God and one purpose. Presently, we realize that our past achievements have been the stepping stones to our highest goal. We have shown by our achievements in transportation and communication, harness of energy and better medical technology, that we are indebted to bettering man's existance. Our challenge of the past has led to our triumphs of the present and now we can look to the future with great expectation.

In the lear future, Oklahoma City will join other cities in providing:
Unity among its people, quality education, adequate and quality medical care,
ample law enforcement, quality housing both public and private.

THE END

OKLAHOMA CITY TOWN MEETING

ECONOMIC CHALLENGES

FEBRUARY 28, 1976

LACK OF COOPERATION BETWEEN BUSINESS AND LABOR

Guild A

In the arena of economic commonality there is labor union control political restriction, and industrial overexpansion which leads to lack of cooperation between labor and business which is illustrated by high interest rails individual expansion, and purchasing power is diminished.

ECONOMIC RESPONSIBILITY

Guild A

In the arena of economics there is prejudice lack of public awareness, and inadequate technical resources which leads to the lack of responsibility which is illustrated by local food prices, the high unemployment rate, high fertilizer cost and the slowing down of construction.

LACK OF PURPOSE

Guild B

In the arena of use of human resources which leads to dishonesty in job performance, apathy, inadequate health care, and lack of trust in medical profession which leads to the lack of education and the lack of purpose-goals which is illustrated by the job slow down, absence from jobs, strikes, and lack of trust of officials.

LACK OF COMMUNICATION

Guild C

In the arena of common distribution there is lack of interest, lack of education, and we don't listen which leads to lack of individual communication which is illustrated by lack of priorities, or use of resources. unemployment, lack of monetary stabilization, and inequality in taxes.

EVERYONE HAS BUT ME

Guild D

In the arena of common resources there is a lack of industry, welfare, and technology leads to the statement of "Everyone has but me" which is illustrated by lay offs, credit, United States Grant case and Public Service.

OKLAHOMA CITY TOWN MEETING

ECONOMIC CHALLENGES February 28, 1976

LACK OF SENSITIVITY TOWARDS THE NEEDS OF OTHERS

Guild A

In the arena of consumption plans, proper knowledge, competition, and mutual respect there is proper knowledge, competition, and mutual respect which leads to the lack of sensitivity towards the needs of others which is illustrated by food stamps, exploitation of seasonal goods, the high cost of recreational activities, technical skills, and the standard of living.

LACK OF COMMUNITY RESPONSIBILITY

Guild A

In the arena of corporate welfare and justice ther is a lack of communication between elected officials and people, lack of integrity in government, and lack of information regarding social issues, which indicates the lack of community responsibility. This is shown by poor representation at the polls, suburban flights, lack of local pride, and not informing our congressmen of our needs.

REBIRTH OF RESPONSIBLE FREEDOM BY ALL

Guild B

In the arena of political commonality there is arbitrary retirement, political dishonesty, and political short sightness, which indicates the lack of sensitivity and care, resulting in political expediency and crumbling personal integrity. This is illustrated by wasted potential of senior citizens, felony convictions of elected officials, mushroom expenses of Medical Care, and depleting resources of social security system.

LACK OF PARTICIPATION IN GOVERNMENT

Guild C

In the arena of corporate welfare there is to much apathy, red tape, and dependance on government, which indicates that the government relies on people participation but the people don't participate. This is illustrated by the low voting turnout.

INEQUALITY OF JUSTICE AND POLITICAL RESTRICTION.

Guild C

In the arena of political commonality there are discriminatory laws and only tow political parties. This is illustrated by the inequality of job hiring, inequality of justice based on prejudice, and only two parties recognized locally.

LACK OF LAW AND ORDER

Guild D

In the arena of corperate justice and order there is political commonality with unresponsive agencies and basic mistrust of public officials, which indicates the underlying contradiction of feeling freedom, concerned people, frontier, and law and order. This is illustrated by muggings in Shepherd Mall, rape, per capital cost, highest in the nation, C. B. radio fad, and high sale of burglar alarms.

INEFFECTIVE POLITICAL INVOLVEMENT

Guild D

In the arena of corporate welfare there is a lack of faith and communication and participation, which indicates the lack of educational motivation and participation in constructive political involement. This is illustrated by low participation, lack of respect for property and teaming to solve porblems and re-election of crooked politicians.

LIFE DEFINITIONS

Guild A

In the arena of Communal styles, we have the following: (1) apathy and selfishness, (2) lack of communication, (3) fear of differences which indicate the underlying contradiction of varying human life definitions. This can be illustrated by, unequal treatment of minorities, loss of traditional family unit, emphasis on youth with exclusion of Senior Citizens, and controversy on abortion, eugenics, and euthanasia.

LACK OF INDIVIDUAL

Guild A

In the arena of Communal wisdom and the underlying individual apathy, the following is the lack of education illustrated by, lack of attendance at Council meetings, Board of Education meetings, and voting records.

THE INDIVIDUAL'S ACTIONS AND ETHICS MOST IMPORTANT Guild A

In the arena of Secure Existence, the following, family breakdown, bad judicial system indicates the underlying contradiction of, the society's individual actions and ethics. All this can be illustrated by the Vietnam war being over largely because of citizens wanting it so, Watergate reports being brought to the eyes of the public. Institutes, churches and volunteers to help Vietnam refugees.

BREAKDOWN IN HUMAN RELATIONS

Guild B

In the arena of final meanings of Communal Wisdom, the following:

(1) Polarization of Community, (2) Cultural and moral ignorance,

(3) Lack of concern for fellow humans indicates the underlying contradiction of failure to Communicate. This is illustrated by,

Sandtown, Indians excluded from bicentennial celebration, secrecy in high echelon of government and industry, and "De Facto" Discrimination.

A LACK OF PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY

Guild B

In the arena of politic endeavor, the following, lack of jobs and education, lack of enforcement, and inadequate prisons indicates the underlying contradiction of lack of individual responsibility. This is illustrated by low participation in voting, rise in property crimes, neglect in proper distribution of bonds and tax money, and the high return to crime,

INADEQUATE SOCIAL INTERCOURSE

Guild C

In the arena of social structures, the following, lack of understand of other persons, closed mindfulness and predjudice, fear and distrust. These indicate the underlying contradictions of a lack of adequate social intercourse, which an be illustrated by: (1) social segregation of civic and peer groups, (2) location of new prison facilities, (3) no agreement on use of funds, (4) segregation/desegregation of schools.

LACK OF UNDERSTANDING AND RESPONSIBILITIES Guild D

In the arena of Communal Wisdom, the following, parental apathy, family planning, lack of understanding in education, lack of understanding of handicapped persons indicates the underlying contradiction of, lack of understanding responsibilities. This is illustrated by, no proper counseling in schools, private business sector closed to certain handicapped, crime rate increase, and too busy for community meetings.

LACK OF EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION

Guild D

In the arena of Social Structures, the following, excessive costs, Health Care not available for all, lack of knowledge, indicates the contradiction of the lack of effective communication to inspire concern. is illustrated by persons with some handicaps uninsurable, family split and lack of mutual support, family with no health insurance and always in debt, poor and uneducated have most of the children.

VALUES ARE LIMITED TO PERSONAL INTEREST

Guild D

In the arena of Communal Styles the following: (1) lack of communication in families, (2) T. V. programming planned to please public taste, (3) easily obtained marriages and divorces, indicates the underlying contradiction of, the values are limited to personal interests, This is illustrated by high juvenile crime rate, no selection in watching T. V., teen-agers learning crimes and leaving home, and the decline in church attendance.

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JOB PROGRAMS

Guild B

WE THE CITIZENS OF OKLAHOMA CITY in order to keep individuals gainfully employed propose work projects and lay off care systems through (1) basic education and rededication (2) preparation for transition (3) counseling (4) emergency and crisis program.

POSITIVE ACTION FOR MOTIVATION

WE THE CITIZENS OF CENTRAL CITY FIVE in order to create a sense of pride in ourselves and our enviornment propose periodic cleanup programs for the city through enlisting all community and volunteer organizations, surveying of cleanup needs and contacting city workers.

BUILDING COMMUNITY

WE THE CITIZENS OF OKLAHOMA CITY in order to foster fuller human community we propose the development of coops and activities through (1) block organizations (2) compared periodical town meetings (3) regular labor management consultants.

VOCATIONAL AND EDUCATIONAL STUDY

WE THE CITIZENS OF CENTRAL CITY FIVE in order to improve people's knowledge and skills propose to create structures that provide vocational and educational training through (1) school organizational facility (2) encourage participation in the school system (3) periodic evaluation of capability (4) effective job placement bureau.

REBIRTHING RESPONSIBLE FREEDOM

Guild A

WE THE CITIZENS OF CENTRAL CITY FIVE OF OKC, in order to build better citizenship, propose to preserve an area for historical purposes through telephoning people in the area for group meeting, form a committee to conduct study, and write results.

LAW AND JUSTICE

Guild A

WE THE CITIZENS OF CENTRAL CITY FIVE OF OKC, in order to secure a better system of justice and fairness, propose to reorganize the law enforcement agency through (1) Mass communications of issue, (2) Public hearings (meetings) leading to action in legislation for corrections, (3) Additional funds for a larger police force, and (4) Decentralization of police force.

NEIGHBORHOOD COMMITTEES

Guild A

WE THE CITIZENS OF CENTRAL CITY FIVE OF OKC, in order to mobolize our common resources and restore confidence of each other, propose to reduce crime and imporve the quality of life by forming an organization to perform these functions: (1) Food coops, (2) Lobby for police protection, sanitation and playgrounds in city government, and (3) Conduct social activities.

ETHICS AND ISSUES

Guild A

WE THE CITIZENS OF OKLAHOMA CITY, in order to imporve the quality of life in the community, propose local organizations to sponsor forums, town meetings, and community center through 1) Enacting and enforcing conflict of interest laws, 2) citizens demanding accountability of public leaders, and 3) Contributing to (by money, ideas, and participation) the production of communications of ethic models.

PROMOTE SOCIAL AND CIVIC COMMUNITY

Guild C

WE THE CITIZENS OF OKLAHOMA CITY in order to promote social and civic community envolvement propose to secure interests and organize committees through (1) all citizens becoming active, (2) appoint action groups, (3) create adhoc group to enable community involvement.

INSURING QUALITY EDUCATION

Guild C

WE THE CITIZENS OF OKLAHOMA CITY in order to increase and up grade education, propose to stimulate quantity and quality through (1) Participating personally in community, (2) City-State educational activities.

COMMUNITY CELEBRATION

Guild C

WE THE CITIZENS OF DOWNTOWN OKLAHOMA CITY in order to promote better understanding for all, we propose to organize a community celebration highlighting men of all races through use of (1) news media, (2) press, (3) Radio, (4) T. V.

NEIGHBORHOOD SEMINARS

Guild C

WE THE CITIZENS OF OKLAHOMA CITY in order to enable community involvement in is des through education and discussion propose area wide neighborhood seminars through (1) Survey of interests and key concerns, (2) organize interested groups for sponsorship, (3) establish format and train teachers, (4) publicize through media and sponsoring and other neighborhood organizations.

SOCIAL CONSCIOUSNESS AND INVOLVEMENT

Guild C

WE THE CITIZENS OF DOWNTOWN OKLAHOMA CITY in order to promote social consciousness and involvement propose to form block family organizations through (1) finding out who lives on the block, (2) contact them, (3) meet at a common place to organize, (4) identify goals and select leadership.

ORGANIZATIONS OF GREATER OKLAHOMA CITY

SPONSORING TOWN MEETING '76

American Legion Post 35 and Auxiliary American Legion Post 157 and Auxiliary American Legion Post 1000 Black Disnatch Central City 5 Guild Central City 5 Jets Christ United Methodist Church Concerned Clergy for Spiritual Penewal Cornus Christi Roman Catholic Church Tau Chatner, Eta Phi Beta, Inc. Federation of Momen's Clubs Delta Sigma Theta Interdenominational Ministers Fellowshin J. F. K. Project Area Committee Oklahoma City Board of Realtists Oklahoma City Chanter of Links Oklahoma City Police Department Oklahoma City Y.M.C.A. Outreach "cGuire Plaza Mative American Center Neighborhood Services Ornanization-Bethlehem Center NuVista Club Panhellenic Council Redeemer Lutheran Church Skyline Urban Ministry St. Lukes UMC Commission for Social Concerns Towers Senior Citizens University Hospitals and Clinics Urban Indian Health Clinic Urban League Roger Mevers Photography

MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES

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9-9:30	Donuts and Cokes
9:30-10	Songs Montage on Social Processes (Economical, Political, and Cultural Pictures)
10-11:15	Visit to the Community
11:15-12 noon	Challenge Workshop
12-1	Lunch (Hotdoos, Dr. Penner, Submarine Sandwiches, Ice Cream, Potato Chins)
1-2:30	Films: "The Little Pascals" "Laurel and Hardy" "The Poad Punner"
2:30-3	Games.
3-3:45	Proposal Morkshop
3:45-4	Song and Story Mriting
4-5:00	Memory Book for the Day Dismissal

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February 28, 1976

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