

Westside Neighborhood Council



MRS. MARY V. SMITH (standing at head of table), President of the Westside Neighborhood Council, graciously permits interruption of the Council's monthly meeting for photographs... There is growing feeling in the community that the Neighborhood Councils program is one of the most rewarding and fruitful innovations of the Poverty Program... Thomas Wilson (foreground left) is Westside Council's representative to the E.O.B.... Lamar McDaniel, project director of local Neighborhood Councils has detailed the purpose, goals and schedules of Clark County Councils.

Community Action programs enable communities to attack their local poverty problems in a positive and coordinated manner. A community action program must provide services and assistances of sufficient size and scope to give promise of progress in the fight against poverty. It must have as its objectives; the elimination of poverty by creating employment opportunities, improving human performances, creating and strengthening people's motivations to overcome poverty, and the betterment of the conditions under which people live, learn and work.

Federal assistance depends on the community's willingness to (1) mobilize its own resources, (2) develop programs that give promise of eliminating poverty and (3) enlist the poor, themselves, in developing and carrying out the program.

THE PURPOSE of Neighborhood Council shall be consistent with the principles of the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964. The Council shall serve as a public forum where local residents may raise grievances, criticize and discuss programs for the solution of Neighborhood problems.

The population intended to be served, the poor, must have adequate representation in the policy-making board, and all advisory committees. Token representation is not good enough.

Representation of the poor includes use of existing neighborhood organizations and the creation of new organizations for advice on program planning. It includes participation of the poor in the Conduct and Administration of neighborhood based programs.

Participation includes employing the poor on jobs created by local War on Poverty. Provisions should be made to hire leaders of the poor as Neighborhood Workers in target areas selected by local action programs on the basis of census income figures.

THERE ARE eight (8) Neighborhood Councils which are active on policy-making board and advisory committees. This is the schedule of the Neighborhood Council meetings in Clark County.

Westside Neighborhood Council
1st Monday Monthly

Henderson Neighborhood Council
2nd Monday Monthly

Madison Neighborhood Council
1st Tuesday Monthly

Matt Kelly Neighborhood Council
2nd Tuesday Monthly

Jo Mackey Neighborhood Council
4th Tuesday Monthly

Highland Neighborhood Council
3rd Monday Monthly

North Las Vegas Neighborhood Council
3rd Thursday Monthly

Kit Carson Neighborhood Council
4th Thursday Monthly



Jo Mackey PTA Executive Board



JO MACKEY PTA board members met at the home of Mrs. Eugene Buford, Friday evening, to discuss and schedule activities for the school calendar year... Specifics included the purchase of a trophy case for the school, a multi-programmed Hallowe'en party, school pictures and the Annual Banquet.

When members of the executive board pictured here, from left, Mrs. Evelyn Buford, Floyd Plymouth, H. P. Fitzgerald, school principal; Mrs. H. P. Fitzgerald, PTA President, Mrs. Eva Pool, and Travis Pool, 1st Vice President, adjourned Friday's fruitful and pleasant meeting, they had not yet had confirmation that Governor Sawyer's schedule would permit him to attend the Jo Mackey PTA meeting, Wednesday night, but he was there.

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His military successes aroused the jealousy of the other black leaders, Jean-Francois and Biassou. The former, an able man, but selfish and a lover of pomp and power, had been made a grandee of Spain, the highest rank of Spanish nobility, which entitled him to call the king of Spain "cousin," and to wear his hat in his presence; the latter, Biassou, also able, but cruel and too fond of drink, had been made a field-marshal. The two plotted against Toussaint, who now decided that the best course was to return to the French part of the island.

"ONCE AGAIN there, he found an extremely complicated and treacherous situation. Not only was there a three-cornered fight between whites, mulattoes and blacks, but there was intense rivalry among the black leaders for supremacy. In addition there were the plottings of both the English and the Spanish to seize the French portion of the island.

"Deciding to deal with the Spaniards first; he assembled an army by powers granted him by the French governor, Polverel, and marching against the Spaniards, forced them to surrender their capital, San Domingo, and otherwise defeated them with such ease that Polverel exclaimed in admiration, 'Ce bigre-la fait l'ouverture, partout,' hence his surname.

"TURNING HIS attention next to his own part of the island, he decided to restore order out of the chaos there; to repress any excesses by whites, mulattoes or blacks; and to establish a government in which all, regardless of color, could live in peace. When the mulattoes revolted and captured the French governor, La Veaux, he marched against them, defeated them and freed La Veaux. The latter, in gratitude, made him a general and lieutenant-governor of the colony and assured him that he would henceforth not act without first consulting him. Toussaint smiled inwardly at these honors. He had already made his own secret plans regarding La Veaux.


"He next turned his attention against the English. Deciding that they had over-stayed their invitation, he attacked their commander, Sir Thomas Brisbane, with a mixed army of blacks, whites and mulattoes, and compelled him to take refuge in Fort St. Nicholas."

(To be continued next week.)

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