

Meeting Minutes
Ward Reapportionment Committee Meeting
4:00 P.M., August 23, 2011
Mezzanine Conference Room, Daniel Boone Building
701 East Broadway, Columbia MO

Members Present: Bob Pugh, Colleen Coble, Eugene Gerke, Wiley Miller, Terry Smith, Rob Monsees, Michelle Gadbois, Scott Atkins.

Staff Present: Tim Teddy (Planning Department), Mitch Skov (Planning Department), Rachel Bacon (Planning Department), Matt Gerike (GIS Office, Public Works Department)

1. Call to Order

Chairman Pugh called the meeting to order at 4:03 P.M.

2. Approval of agenda

3. Approval of Minutes: July 28, 2011

Ms. Coble moved the minutes be approved as presented.
Unanimous voice vote of approval.

4. Chairman Comments

Mr. Pugh said that the intent of the meeting was to decide the Committee's next move. He described the two maps as designed by Ms. Coble and Mr. Smith at the previous meeting. Ms. Coble worked with staff to develop Trial E, which moves Ward 1 westward. He said that Trial E was similar to Trial A except Ward 1 would be shifted to the west instead of to the east. He said the numbers looked good except that the population of the fifth ward may be a little short, but that Ward 5 would likely grow. Mr. Smith had worked with staff to create Trial F, which had two central city wards. He said there were incumbent issues with Trial F.

5. Review of New Maps

Mr. Smith said that Trail F was a good exercise. He said that if they were not worried about incumbents, that it doubles the representation of the central city. He also said it also made the areas outside of the center suburban. He said he did know that it would have support but that it was an exercise worth looking at.

Mr. Monsees said his observation was that even though some councilpersons do not represent downtown geographically, that the Council is just as engaged over downtown issues.

Ms. Coble said she had discussed the trials with two First Ward citizen groups, which included the West Ash and North Central Neighborhood Associations, which had come up with different maps that were very similar to one another and E in that they moved west.

Ms. Gadbois said she had heard from citizens the concept of not allowing the First Ward to remain landlocked.

The Committee discussed the potential of Perche Creek to remain a barrier to population growth in the west.

The Committee then discussed the fact that Trial E would bisect the Park De Ville neighborhood association.

The demographics of E were then requested of staff and reviewed by the Committee.

6. Review of Previous Maps

Mr. Pugh said he thought Trial E was a pretty good fit for the objectives. He said he wanted to discuss options, and that they needed a public meeting. He asked if they should cull the list and if they should vote to not have any new trials.

Mr. Gerke said they should take all of them for public discussion. Mr. Miller and Ms. Gadbois agreed.

Mr. Pugh said they should present the three significant characteristics of each map to help the public discern between the maps.

Ms. Coble said the western boundary expansion was presented separately but at the same time by different groups. She said this was a clear public response. She discussed the prior reactions to A, B and D. She said she thought B was favored because those favoring it did not like A. She said they were closing in on a solution, but that they had not heard from Park De Ville residents yet and they needed to find out more.

Mr. Smith said they should think about what would serve the public process best. He said he wondered if presenting all active proposals was best, or if they should endorse one or two but keep all of them on the web.

Mr. Gerke said they should hear public comments on all of them.

Mr. Pugh said they would present all five maps and have a public hearing where they could listen and then come back together and hopefully make a decision.

7. Set date for next public hearing
The committee set the next public hearing for Wednesday, September 7, 2011 at 7:00 P.M. The Committee also set a Committee meeting for Monday, September 12, 2011 at 4:00 P.M.
8. Other business
No other Business was discussed.
9. Adjourn
The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 P.M.

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