

Approved: March 7, 2012
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MINUTES OF THE HOUSE REDISTRICTING COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Michael O'Neal at 12:07 p.m. on Monday, March 5, 2012, in Room 346-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except the following representatives, all of whom were excused:

Larry Powell
Caryn Tyson
Brian Weber

Committee staff present:

Corey Carnahan, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Reed Holwegner, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Dorothy Noblit, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Jason Long, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Gary Deeter, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Dick Carter, The Carter Group, representing the Manhattan Area Chamber of Commerce

Others in attendance:

See attached list.

The Chair noted the updated Tallgrass Congress 1 map that was originally submitted at the March 2 meeting and welcomed Dick Carter, representing the Manhattan Area Chamber of Commerce ([Attachment 1](#)).

Mr. Carter, noting that his testimony did not directly address **SB 344 – Congressional Redistricting**, although he is opposed to the bill in its present form, spoke in relation to a resolution passed by the City of Manhattan and the Riley County Commissioners to maintain Manhattan and Riley County in the Second Congressional District. He commented that keeping the city and county in the second district meshes with the redistricting guidelines to maintain common communities of interest, and he offered details to show that historically the city and county should continue to remain in the second district. Mr. Carter also included written testimony from Fred Willich, Chairman, Manhattan Area Chamber of Commerce, and two maps recommended by the chamber: Manhattan 1 and Manhattan A.

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Members commended Mr. Carter and the Manhattan Chamber for the thorough research and professional standards exhibited at the July 27, 2011, hearing in Manhattan. Responding to a question, Mr. Carter replied that the Antelope 1 map submitted by Representative Carlson followed the same boundary lines as Manhattan 1 and Manhattan A; the statement was verified by Representative Carlson.

The Chairman recognized Mark Green, who requested that, whatever map is chosen, the needs for accessibility for those with disabilities be considered during the deliberations.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:20 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 7, at noon in Room 346-S.

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