

**BOONSLICK REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION  
ANNUAL MEETING  
Wednesday, December 4, 2019**

The membership of the Boonslick Regional Planning Commission held its annual meeting Wednesday, December 4, 2019 at the Moscow Mills Lions Club, 30 Freise Industrial Court, Moscow Mills, Missouri, with the following individuals present:

Patrick Flannigan, City of Moscow Mills  
Alice Kluesner  
Erik Maninga, MoDOT  
Dan Rowden, City of Wright City  
MaryLou Rainwater, City of Truesdale  
Lon Little, Workforce Development  
David Lange, City of Marthasville  
Kerry Lambright, City of Wright City  
Roschelle Eaton, City of Winfield  
Ryan Poston, Montgomery County  
Jeff Porter, State Representative #42  
Teri Jackson  
Arthur Mehrhoff, Guest presenter

Deborah Flannigan  
Jim Schuchmann, City of Wright City  
Karen Gironde, City of Wright City  
Carol Rowden  
Ray Rainwater  
Mike Mueller, Lincoln County  
Sue Gloeckle  
Cheryl Lambright  
Jennifer Meyer, Office of Senator Blunt  
Vonnie Poston  
Dan Hampson, Warren County  
Jess Hawkins, City of Old Monroe

Hubert Kluesner, Warren County  
Donna Schuchmann  
Tony Gironde  
Nathan Rohr, City of Wright City  
Chris Watson, City of Truesdale  
Elaine Mueller  
Julie Rodgers, Lincoln County Econ. Dev.  
Robin Cryts, City of Winfield  
Caitlin Yager, Missouri Humanities Council  
Steve Deves, City of Montgomery City  
Don Jackson, City of Old Monroe  
Kyle Hawkins

Chad Eggen, BRPC  
Lisa Devenport, BRPC  
Cindy Schwada, BRPC

Chuck Eichmeyer, BRPC  
Janet Hickey, BRPC  
Cory Schmitt, BRPC

Jane Cale, BRPC  
JoAnn Toerper, BRPC  
Krishna Kunapareddy, BRPC

**Call to Order**

Chairman Hubert Kluesner called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. Following the pledge of allegiance, introductions were made. Warren County Commissioner Dan Hampson gave the invocation prior to the meal.

**Guest Speaker**

Guest presenter for the evening was Dr. Arthur Mehrhoff, an experienced educator, contributor with *Missouri Life* magazine, guest speaker with the Cultural Heritage series, and author of several books. He spoke to the membership about creative placemaking and ways in which small towns can create the future they want.

Dr. Mehrhoff started by asking how many were familiar with Waynesboro, Virginia, Ephraim, Wisconsin, or Calistoga, California. Few of those present - if any - were. He then asked how many were familiar with the Appalachian Trail, Door County, or Napa Valley. Many people indicated knowledge of these places. Dr. Mehrhoff shared that by collaborating with other small towns and special places in those celebrated regions, these three small towns have been able to maintain and even build upon their natural and cultural heritage.

Dr. Mehrhoff described the importance of cultural tourism, which is traveling to experience the places and activities that authentically represent the stories and people of the past and present. An example of an area in the Boonslick region with a rich cultural heritage is the German Heritage Corridor. Traditions and values have been acquired from the Germans who settled in the area. Placemaking can make this area a tourist destination.

Placemaking involves a collaborative process through which communities can tell their stories. It inspires communities to reimagine and reinvent public spaces, and strengthens the connection between people and the places they share. Ways in which this can be done are through natural landscapes such as the Katy Trail, creation of parks and recreational assets, Agritourism (such as farms, vineyards, and country stores), cultural or historic resources, tours and festivals, and folk arts (including artisans, authors, musicians and storytellers).

Dr. Mehrhoff shared that cultural heritage and placemaking are the path to a healthy future. He provided several resources for the group and encouraged them to consider a long view of placemaking in the Boonslick region in order to build a restorative economy on the solid foundation of our rich heritage.

**Business Meeting**

- *Approval of agenda* – Mike Mueller made a motion to approve the agenda. Ryan Poston seconded the motion. Approved unanimously.

- *Approval of minutes* – Steven Deves made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 5, 2018 annual meeting. Chris Watson seconded the motion. Approved unanimously.

**Report of Activities**

BRPC Executive Director Chad Eggen asked staff members to come to the front and introduce themselves. He then gave a brief update about the organization’s current programs and projects. He also reminded the membership about upcoming deadlines for funding opportunities and invited those present to contact staff about community needs.

**Next Meeting Date**

The next meeting of the BRPC general membership is scheduled for March 23, 2020.

**Adjourn**

With no other business to conduct, Steve Deves made a motion to adjourn. Ryan Poston seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned.

Approved on \_\_\_\_\_

Chairman \_\_\_\_\_