



Observer Reporting Form

Feature Evaluated	Yes	No	Comments
Meeting started on time?	Yes		
All members present?	Yes		
Members attentive?	Yes		
Did members appear to have done their "homework"?	Yes		
Were members courteous to each other and the public?	Yes		
Agenda sent/posted 72 hours before?	Yes		
Agenda items clearly described what was to be discussed?	Yes		
Adequate opportunity for public input?	Yes		
Was there an appearance that some action items were discussed in closed rather than open session?		No	
Was background information available to the public?	Yes		Rick Emmett, Knox County Urban Growth Manager, unveiled redistricting map. It will be available to public on 4/6/11 on City Council, MPC & Redistricting websites.
Facilities adequate? (room size, lighting, ventilation, speakers audible, accessible to handicapped)	Yes		

Were any issues on the agenda relevant to LWV positions or programs? 9a. regarding financial disclosures for candidates for elected offices: passed but with amendment to strike the need for campaign contributor's occupation and employer. There was much discussion among Council members on this. Council felt the need to pass ordinance immediately to clarify reporting requirements for current candidates. Will hold workshop to review Ordinance further. 12a. amending Knoxville City Code regarding the designation and permitting of landmark and historic signs: Passed with amendment to classify landmark and historic signs as 50 years or older instead of 25 years. Will ensure landmark and historic signs not in compliance with city ordinances will be protected. Designed to encourage restoration and retention of important signs. Creates definitions for landmark signs (an existing on-premise sign that will remain on its original property) and historic signs (an existing sign that may be moved to another property, becoming an off-premise sign). Public Forum: Rick Emmett, Knox County Urban Growth Manager, unveiled redistricting map which will be available to public on 4/6/11.

Do you recommend League action on any of these issues? Attend and report on candidate financial disclosure workshop. Monitor Landmark and Historic Signs Ordinance through process to ensure further actions are in accordance with League Land Use policy. Members should look at new redistricting map online.

Observer: Casey Self

Meeting: Knoxville City Council

Date: 4/5/2011