



Observer Reporting Form

Feature Evaluated	Yes	No	Comments
Meeting started on time?	X		
All members present?	X		
Members attentive?	X		
Did members appear to have done their "homework"?	X		
Were members courteous to each other and the public?	X		
Agenda sent/posted 72 hours before?	X		
Agenda items clearly described what was to be discussed?	X		
Adequate opportunity for public input?	X		
Was there an appearance that some action items were discussed in closed rather than open session?		X	
Was background information available to the public?	X		
Facilities adequate? (room size, lighting, ventilation, speakers audible, accessible to handicapped)	X		

Were any issues on the agenda relevant to LWV positions or programs? Three issues fell under our Land Use position: a) Councilman Della Volpe stated that there is a gap in the zoning code addressing the building of crematoriums. Recently, Gentry-Griffey Funeral home received a building permit for a crematorium in Fountain City. There was much concern and outcry from the community and no opportunity for public concerns to be heard prior to permitting. Della Volpe asked for a resolution to have MPC look at crematorium zoning and the possibility of a use on review so citizens would be able to voice concerns before permitting. b) Council postponed the Hillside Ridgetop Protection Plan vote on the original plan to Nov. 29th after Commission has an opportunity to vote on the HRPP amended plan. c) 1st reading of Ordinance to amend City Code regarding the maximum height of ground and monument signs was amended to incorporate the recommended maximum sign heights from Scenic Knoxville. Joyce Feld, President of Scenic Knoxville appealed to council to use SK recommendations for sign heights. MPC recommended heights ranged from 50-15ft for ground signs and 12-8ft for monument signs depending on the 4 designated zones. Amended heights were 25-10ft for ground signs and 10-6ft for monument signs. There seemed to be agreement among Council members that this is a good start but the entire sign code needs to be revamped.

Do you recommend League action on any of these issues? Watch these issues closely. Observers need to report to the Board possible action as issues develop.

Observer: Barbara Nicodemus Meeting: Knoxville City Council Date: 11/15/11