



Observer Reporting Form

Feature Evaluated	Yes	No	Comments
Meeting started on time?	X		
All members present?		X	Woodhull & Roddy not present. Pavlis arrived late.
Members attentive?	X		
Did members appear to have done their "homework"?	X		Early in the process. Council members asked good questions
Were members courteous to each other and the public?	X		
Agenda sent/posted 72 hours before?		X	Agenda available before meeting
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		LWVKKC Public Redistricting Workshop on 2/19/11. Election Commission set up a redistricting website to access info & upcoming meetings at www.knoxredistricting.org
Facilities adequate? (room size, lighting, ventilation, speakers audible, accessible to handicapped)	X		

Were any issues on the agenda relevant to LWV positions or programs? Presentation to Council on process & factors to consider for redistricting by Rick Emmett, Downtown Coordinator and Tim Kuhn, GIS Manager. Rick Emmett stated that the redistricting process for the city will be open and transparent every step and all data and maps for public/council review will be placed on the website. Census data released day before on 3/16/11, indicated 2.9% city growth, increase of 29,812 pop. District 3 (Palmer) greatest growth +12.54%, District 4 (Della Volpe) greatest decrease -9.83%. Overall range between district populations has significantly increased to 22.35%; required deviation is no more than 10%. City, MPC & Election Commission will work together to develop 2 to 3 map plans to present to Council by April 1st. Emmett stated that maps developed by the public or council members would also be considered and would need to be submitted to the City Records office.

Do you recommend League action on any of these issues? Follow and report on related public meetings.

Other Concerns: Mayor Brown brought up a question, asking if the population for Downtown was accurate which is in his district. Rick Emmett said when reviewing the population data for Downtown, it did seem low and suggested that it needs further investigation and an appeal to the Census Bureau can be made to recalculate.

Observer: Barbara Nicodemus

Meeting: City Council Redistricting Workshop

Date: March 17, 2011