



Observer Reporting Form

Feature Evaluated	Yes	No	Comments
Meeting started on time?	X		
All members present?	X		Several came in during the meeting. Those present: Anders, Briggs, Broyles, Brown, Owenby, Smith, Shouse, McKenzie, Wright, Norman, Hammond, Jarrett, McKay, Frist, Kincannon, Butry, Donaldson
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?	n/a		Not a public meeting
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? Yes. See notes.

Highlights:

School board and commission to form joint committee on redistricting. League invited.

Hillside protection discussion to continue.

Do you recommend League action on any of these issues? Yes.

1. League should participate in redistricting by attending joint commission/school board committee meetings
2. Suggest we continue to follow workshops and meetings on Hillside protection plan
3. Consider follow up on Legislation regarding election of school superintendent

Observer: Laura Cole Meeting: County Commission Chairman's Luncheon Date: 3/28/11

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Meeting began at 11:37.

Election Commission (McKay) provided update on redistricting. Donaldson spoke on behalf of MPC support in the redistricting effort. McKay mentioned recent redistricting workshop as a model.

Some discussion on costs and opportunity to partner with school board redistricting effort. Kincannon and Butry were invited to the meeting and participated in the discussion. Kincannon noted that in the past, school board had worked independently on redistricting and presented their recommendations to commission for approval. She expressed some concern about having commission present their plan with the expectation that the school board must comply. Commission acknowledged that concern and there was general agreement that it would be a good idea to form a joint school committee to explore aligning both redistricting efforts. Suggestions were made to include a representative from MPC, Farragut and Knoxville City. Broyles suggested inviting the League of Women Voters in a non-voting capacity.

Pam Trainor announced PTA is 100 years old. Also updated commission on PTA activities and discussed local legislation. Trainor indicated that PTA at all levels (local, state, national) supports APPOINTED superintendent of schools.

Brief discussion of Hillside protection plan. Most of the discussion centered around workshop schedules and possible joint county commission / city council workshop. Some commissioners expressed a concern about misinformation being spread by opposition. Commissioner Brown suggested a summary of the plan that would help citizens understand the facts without having to read a 60 page document. Mark Donaldson announced a new fact sheet and executive summary on MPC's website that would clarify the facts about the plan.

Link here:

<http://www.knoxmpc.org/hillside/faq.htm>

Meeting adjourned at 12:45