



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF KNOXVILLE AND KNOX COUNTY

Observer Reporting Form

Table with 4 columns: Feature Evaluated, Yes, No, Comments. Rows include: Meeting started on time?, All members present?, Members attentive?, Did members appear to have done their 'homework?', Were members courteous to each other and the public?, Agenda sent/posted 72 hours before?, Agenda items clearly described what was to be discussed?, Adequate opportunity for public input?, Was there an appearance that some action items were discussed in closed rather than open session?, Was background information available to the public?, Facilities adequate? (room size, lighting, ventilation, speakers audible, accessible to handicapped)

Were any issues on the agenda relevant to LWV positions or programs?

Do you recommend League action on any of these issues? Continue to monitor BZA for consistency in granting variances. Some appear to be granted without evidence of hardship. A possible improvement to BZA processes was discussed at agenda review. Grant Rosenberg (county codes) and Daniel Sanders (bza lawyer) presented drafts of variance protocol and rules of procedure for BZA members to consider. These documents are used in Davidson county and if adopted will clarify 1. Process for application of variance and 2. Process and criteria used by board members when considering an appeal/variance request. Members were asked to review and comment.

Other Concerns: Church asked for variance to allow an electronic sign in ag zone w/ scrolling, increased height, and 0 setback. Les Spitzer asked for approval. Chady asked for hardship that necessitates variance. Applicant could not cite hardship other than desire for larger sign so messages could be read from a distance. Despite lack of hardship, request passed w/ 1 in opposition.

Observer: Cole

Meeting: County BZA

Date: 2/24/10