



Observer Reporting Form

Feature Evaluated	Yes	No	Comments
Meeting started on time?	X		
All members present?		X	Jean Teague still out due to injury. Scott Moore absent. Also attending County Commissioner Ed Shouse, Dan Kelly from MPC, Grant Rosenberg Office of Neighborhoods, Daniel Sanders Attorney.
Members attentive?	X		
Did members appear to have done their "homework?"	X		
Were members courteous to each other and the public?	X		Members are extremely respectful to each other and the public.
Agenda sent/posted 72 hours before?	X		
Agenda items clearly described what was to be discussed?	X		Several minor errors were noted in applications.
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?

Members are engaged and continue to focus on evaluating hardships as stated by zoning ordinance rather than subjective opinions. This is a departure from previous board where inappropriate and/or subjective criteria (ex: economic hardship) were offered as the basis for approving variances. New guidelines are currently being considered by board members and will be discussed next month.

This focus on the intent of the ordinance is a step in the right direction and I recommend the League encourage good government practices by publicly recognizing those involved in improving this body's decision-making processes.

Observer: Cole

Meeting: County BZA

Date: 6/23/10