



Observer Reporting Form

Feature Evaluated	Yes	No	Comments
Meeting started on time?		X	Slightly delayed began at 8:10am
All members present?		X	8 of 11 Commissioners attended. Anders, Broyles & Shouse absent
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?			No agenda but workshop was posted publicly
Agenda items clearly described what was to be discussed?	N/A		
Adequate opportunity for public input?			*opportunity for public to speak at workshop, however, see concern below
Was there an appearance that some action items were discussed in closed rather than open session?	X		*appeared to this observer that some groups knew that the public would be able to speak at workshop while others did not.
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? As part of the workshop in an advisory role, Tim Kuhn MPC GIS manager presented, stressing that the plan uses modern GIS data which is much more reliable than hand delineation and provides up to date data that can be used more accurately for recommendations than the old plan. Tim also stated the plan makes recommendations to protect ridgetops which is not covered in old plan. He also stated that all zoning remains intact with the plan. Mark Donaldson from MPC was available to answer questions from the Commissioners. Workshop audience was heavily attended by developers & realtors who spoke in opposition to adopting the plan with concerns of limiting development and property rights. Several Commissioners expressed concern regarding the enforcement of existing regulations and code violations.**

**Do you recommend League action on any of these issues? For the League to read a statement in support of adopting the plan at the April 25<sup>th</sup> Zoning Meeting when Commission will consider voting for adoption of the plan.**

**Other Concerns: \*As Chairman Hammond stated that the workshop was not designed to be a public forum but they changed their minds and will allow the public to speak. This last minute change did not give some groups like the League an opportunity to prepare a statement for the public forum; our understanding was that the public would not be able to speak at the workshop. The change in procedure without public noticed seemed unfair.**

**Observer: Barbara Nicodemus Meeting: Commission Hillside & Ridgetop Protection Plan Workshop Date: 04/13/11**