



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? The Hillside/Ridgetop Plan is very relevant to the League's Land Use Position. The League has taken a position in favor of the Plan. This meeting was a "process" meeting, with the facilitator (Dr. Steve Joiner, from the Center for Conflict Resolution at David Lipscomb) laying out the ground rules for future meetings. (These were pretty much the standard ground rules for facilitated sessions, although the facilitator did lay extra emphasis on the importance of accurate information, which he said he and his team would present to the committee.) Committee members were given homework for the next meeting – come with 3 or 4 identified "sticking points", prioritize them, and be ready to state why they are important.

Do you recommend League action on any of these issues? Attend future committee meetings (scheduled for 8/4, 8/18, and 9/1 at 5 p.m. in the Main Assembly Room of the City County Bldg. Be ready to speak with facilitator, who said he would be contacting all stakeholders for input.

Other Concerns: I was concerned by the low turnout for this meeting (12 out of 20 Commissioners and Council members). If they don't have better participation than this, they're not going to get a solution.

Observer: Rachel Craig Meeting: Council/Commission Hillside/Ridgetop Plan Date: July 21, 2011