



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?

Issue related to Hillside & Ridgetop Protection and the impact of stormwater runoff are directly relevant to our Landuse positions. Issues clarified and discussed were: a) the plan provides for ridgetop development on a case by case basis b) City and County attorneys agree that the process and outcome of the plan is legally defensible. MPC attorney Mr. Wise will weigh in on the legality of the plan in the near future. c) There will be little or no cost for plan implementation, however there will be a cost to translating the plan into code, d) consensus was to schedule a meeting for the joint committee to develop an amended plan considering the recommended changes formally presented by Della Volpe and Norman/MPC and e) Briggs & Hammond stressed the importance of scheduling a Public Forum to give the public an opportunity to express pro & con opinions to the proposed amended plan.

Do you recommend League action on any of these issues? Review amended plan, create a statement to be read by League President at the Public Forum expressing support and/or any concerns regarding the new plan.

Other Concerns:* It appears by the high number of absences, late arrivals and early leavings to most of these workshops that many of the elected officials for both Council and Commission did not value the work of this Joint Committee or have become complacent to the issues related to Hillside Ridgetop Development and Protections.

Observer: Barbara Nicodemus Meeting: Hillside Ridgetop Joint Committee Workshop Date: 9/1/11