



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?

Commission voted to approve redistricting Plan 1A as the new district boundaries for the Knox County Commission and Board of Education. Both bodies will have alignment for their nine districts.

At the meeting, Commissioner Amy Broyles spoke strongly expressing her disappointment with the Commission for not following their own process. She continued by saying she felt the Commission does not respect the recommendations given by boards, commissions and committees that they have set up. She presented the Joint Redistricting Committee, Hillside Ridgetop Protection Plan Committee, Board of Education and the Ten Year Plan as examples.

Cindy Buttry spoke as a citizen expressing her disappointment with the decision to use a plan that split the Norwood community as well as overlooking the recommendations of the School Board. Commissioner Larry Smith said the joint committee had not heard from the Norwood Community and that there were many opportunities during public forum or by phone/email for them to express their concerns.

Do you recommend League action on any of these issues? No

Observer: Barbara Nicodemus Meeting: Knox County Commission Redistricting Special Session Date: 11/10/11