



Observer Reporting Form

Feature Evaluated	Yes	No	Comments
Meeting started on time?	x		Started at 8:30, adjourned at 9:36
All members present?		x	Present: Pinkston, Strickland, Briggs, Wright, M Harmon, Shouse, Smith, Anders, Hammond
Members attentive?	x		
Did members appear to have done their "homework"?	?		Some question regarding appointment to BZA.
Were members courteous to each other and the public?	x		
Agenda sent/posted 72 hours before?	x		
Agenda items clearly described what was to be discussed?	x		
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	Ballard had a handout for members – it was not projected for the public, perhaps handouts were available and I missed it.
Facilities adequate? (room size, lighting, ventilation, speakers audible, accessible to handicapped)	x		

Were any issues on the agenda relevant to LWV positions or programs? **Amendments to Section 8.05 (recall provision)**

Do you recommend League action on any of these issues? **We have a position statement on the recall provision.**

Other Concerns:

Just a note concerning the property assessor’s request to hire three more employees: Mr. Ballard made the case that his office is under-staffed, only recently got computers and telephones at each employee’s desk, and that none are certified appraisers. Also that his employees have been there a long time, are “retirees”(?) who are not interested in taking the classes and tests to become certified...

Observer: Judy Barnette

Meeting: Knox County Commission Finance Committee

Date: Jan 19, 2010