



Observer Reporting Form

Feature Evaluated	Yes	No	Comments
Meeting started on time?	x		
All members present?	x		
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?	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	Clearly the climate suggested plenty of talk on the street regarding the Carter situation. Ch Hammond decides no discussion in commission until school board and mayor have time to sort through.
Was background information available to the public?		x	No one, including commissioners, had adequate information surrounding the reasons for The Devon Group's withdrawal from Carter School project and implications for future. A document was distributed last minute that I did not see.
Facilities adequate? (room size, lighting, ventilation, speakers audible, accessible to handicapped)		x	Continues to be impossible to read projected material. Apparently only one switch for dais and screen. This needs to be corrected.

Were any issues on the agenda relevant to LWV positions or programs?

The apparent shift of funding from Community grants to defined services contracts should be watched. The work of the Citizens Review Panel was completely undone by the decision to award to a few appeals, though no one questioned the worthiness of these groups.

Do you recommend League action on any of these issues?

Observer: Maggie Carini

Meeting: Knox County Commission

Date: August 22, 2011