



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF KNOXVILLE AND KNOX COUNTY

Observer Reporting Form

Feature Evaluated	Yes	No	Comments
Meeting started on time?	x		
All members present?		x	12 of 15
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?			meeting limited to Commission/staff discussion except for visitors who provide information requested by Commission
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		
Facilities adequate? (room size, lighting, ventilation, speakers audible, accessible to handicapped)	x		

Were any issues on the agenda relevant to LWV positions or programs? I think that for the third time in the past few months the Commission has been asked to allow elimination of sidewalk requirement in a project. In at least two instances the Commission has allowed that request. The League Land Use position encourages "neighborhood design that encourages walkability, connectivity and safety."

Do you recommend League action on any of these issues? I think it is time for the League to make a statement to MPC about sidewalk requirements consistent with our Land Use position encouraging neighborhood design for walkability and also encouraging pedestrian transportation systems. At the April meeting, MPC will approve or deny a request from developer Scott Williams to eliminate the requirement for sidewalks in a planned residential district subdivision. Since MPC approved the subdivision with sidewalks the developer has sold 27 homes without building sidewalks. Interestingly, he included in the sales contract a provision that if he builds the sidewalks, the owners will pay a share of the cost, instead of his building the sidewalks and adding the cost to the price of the homes. It may be understandable, therefore, that the homeowners association supports now his request to eliminate the sidewalk requirement and release him from his bond.

Other Concerns:

Observer: Annette Anderson

Meeting: MPC Agenda Meeting

Date: April 12, 2011

Please submit completed forms to Observer Corps Committee Chair