

OBSERVER CORPS REPORTING FORM

OBSERVED MEETING: __ SUSSEX PLANNING AND ZONING DATE: OF MEETING__ 1-24-24__

OBSERVER__SUSAN CURTIN_____

FEATURE EVALUATED	YES	NO	COMMENTS
1. Did meeting start on time?		?	It seemed to take place 14 minutes late, but may have been due to technical issues with the recording.
2. Were all members present?	X		
3. Were members attentive?	X		
4. Did members ask relevant and probing questions?	X		
5. Were open-meetings laws observed?	X		
6. Were agenda and background packages made available before and at the meeting?	X		
7. Were all discussion items included in agenda?	X		
8. Were agenda items clearly described for discussion?	X		Packet is available to the public
9. Were agenda amendments made in a timely manner?			na
10. Were any "Executive Sessions" called?		X	
11. Were any non-agenda items discussed?		X	
12. Were members courteous to each other and the public?	X		
13. Did any items appear to have been discussed prior to the meeting?		X	
14. Did anyone testify at the public hearing segment t of the meeting and was there an adequate opportunity for public input provided?	X		
15. Were public comments taken into consideration in the decisions made?	X		
16. Did any member recuse themselves during the meeting? For what reason?		X	Members who were not present at previous meetings reviewed the recordings so it was agreed that they could vote on old business.

During the meeting what issues of importance to the County and League were considered ? (Describe in less 200 words. –Use the back if necessary)

What action should LWVSCDE consider in light of the matters considered at this meeting?

During the public comments period two homeowners showed photos of their property in Coral Lakes/Brentwood. Four total audience members spoke. It is their position that the clear cutting of forest (110 acres) has contributed to flooding on their properties. The silt fence does not prevent water from flowing onto properties as intended. They request that P and Z and SCD withhold all further development in Brentwood until the problem is rectified. A citation has been issued. The League may want to monitor the impact of clear cutting in the county and the council/commission's consideration of this concern in the approval process. Two persons suggested that the attorney of the developer of this community influenced the P and Z's decision to reverse their initial decision which was to deny the original application.

A suggestion to include the rules for public comment on the web page as a separate document was made to make it more accessible for the general public. This would also protect the commission from comments that do not fit the guidelines. This will need to be formally presented.