

# OBSERVER CORPS REPORTING FORM

OBSERVED MEETING: \_\_ SUSSEX PLANNING AND ZONING DATE: OF MEETING\_\_ 1-3-24\_\_

OBSERVER\_\_SUSAN CURTIN\_\_\_\_\_

FEATURE EVALUATED	YES	NO	COMMENTS
1. Did meeting start on time?	X		I believe so, but the recording starts before the meeting so this is an assumption as I viewed the video after the meeting took place.
2. Were all members present?		X	Wingate absent
3. Were members attentive?	X		
4. Did members ask relevant and probing questions?			
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?			
8. Were agenda items clearly described for discussion?	X		
9. Were agenda amendments made in a timely manner?			na
10. Were any “Executive Sessions” called?	X		
11. Were any non-agenda items discussed?			
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	X	Not at the general public comment at beginning of meeting
15. Were public comments taken into consideration in the decisions made?			
16. Did any member recuse themselves during the meeting? For what reason?			

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?

Congratulations were extended to the chair of the P and Z Commission, Mr. Wheatley on his 30-year tenure on the commission. His current term ends 2025. As these are appointments, not elected positions, the LWV might consider how these appointments are made and by whom. Several of the members indicated professional connections to the construction industry which they mentioned during a proposed C/U 2436 request.

During C/U 2436 Toney & Charletta Floyd, the chair of the commission stated that as these are appointed positions, not elected, the commission is not influenced by the popularity of their decisions. He stated that they base their decisions on the zoning guidelines. However, deliberations after the public hearing revealed that concerns of those who objected were taken into consideration.

One audience member strongly suggested that the commission know what is intended for the rte1/16 prior to approving the request to amend the zoning map from AR-1 (C/Z 1992 Reed Properties) to C-2 medium commercial district. An audience member cautioned the commission to consider the capacity of route 1 when approving commercial development proposals on the rte 1/16 interchange.

C/U 2436, C/Z 1992, C/Z 1993 and C/Z 1998 were all deferred until further information is explored.