

**LWV AC Observer Corps Reporting Form**

**Meeting Attended:** BOCC

Date of meeting: 11.5.13 Observer Bev Warburton accompanied by Pat Richardson

Meeting time: 1:30 PM to adjournment 2:24 PM

Location is Emergency Operations Center, next to Nick’s Hanger at the old airport runways

<b>Attach agenda</b>			
Feature Evaluated	Yes	No	Comments
Type of meeting --circle <b>REGULAR</b>			<b>Regular</b> Special Public Hearing Exec Session Work Session
Did meeting start on time?	x		I was a bit late but got there for the Land Use Hearings
Were all members present?	x		
Were members attentive?	x		And to their papers
Media coverage?	x		The Sun
Staff present?	x		
Administrator Legal Council Finance Others--secretary Minutes by Assessor since it’s election day— no County Clerk personnel at meeting	x		Admin/Legal still Todd Starr for both Larry Augsbury Annette DeGraff Natalie Woodruff
Audience #? 25 Special interests? Yes-agenda items	25		Most of the audience was there for the LPEA permit for communications system updates-towers
Did the members appear to have done their homework?	x		
Were members courteous to each other and the public?	x		
Were the Sunshine Law requirements followed?	x		
--agenda sent/posted 24 hours before?	x		
--agenda items clearly described what was to be discussed?	x		Accompanying info attached to pdf on line agenda
-adequate opportunity for public input?	x		Note: for the Reports and Consent Agenda items, public comment is not allowed at discussion. Comments can be made during the Public section at meeting’s end <b>Reports of interest: Town Rec Center plans:</b> just an update of the new reviewing of 2007

			<p>plans.</p> <p><b>Veterans Service Annual Report</b> by Raymond Taylor: When Raymond’s tenure began 125 calls came in. Now monthly average is 650. All commissioners thanked Raymond.</p> <p>There are 968 permanent resident Veterans in Archuleta County, believed to be 1,000 likely. Most payments to them are for health along with some living expenses. When Veterans Service takes care of them, Medicare/Medicaid from the county is freed up to other residents.</p>
-was there the appearance that some action items were discussed in closed rather than in open session?	x		<p>Probably the work session. No discussion came on the New Business items, except the presenter Mitzi Bowman answered budget/salary questions from the BOCC</p> <p>All motions were passed MPU (motion passed unanimously)</p>
Was background information available to public?	x		<p>With the agenda on line—except for Kathy Latiin’s Town Recreation Center Proposed plans. The plans are the same left over from 2007 so the County has them probably in their files.</p>
<p>Facilities: big enough? <b>Yes and with good space for visuals</b></p> <p>Well lit?<b>Yes</b></p> <p>Could see officials? <b>Pretty well</b></p> <p>Could hear? <b>The lectern was slanted at about 30 degrees between the BOCC and public</b></p>			<p>By the time I came in the chairs were almost full plus some sitting on the back tables. They were there for the Land Use Hearings on t he LPEA requests, so after that the audience thinned considerably.</p> <p>Facilities will continue to be an issue. The “regular” space at the Courthouse is 1<sup>st</sup> choice Court.</p> <p>This Operations Center has good space for visuals but isn’t a “hearing room” space exactly. It’s much better t han the Extension Center since t he noise levels are low—better than the Court House—and voices carry well f or most speakers.</p>
Decisions: “cut & dried”?	x		<p>There was some discussion between the commissions and their staff but not much. Then again, the agenda d idn’t really have much in it.</p>
Other observations:			<p>The meeting was short. Some of the items, eg the topic of the Court Security Grant were moved to the Consent Agenda. There was no</p>

		discussion of any of the Consent Agenda items—normal procedure
Any LWV positions relevant to issues discussed?		<p>Not really—except for the Appointment of Larry Augsbury, Finance Director, to also <b>Budget Officer</b>.(MPU). Bev discussed the current budget process with him after the meeting and is expecting some reports via e-mail to share with the LWV-AC members.</p> <p><b>The Land Use Hearings</b> were attended by citizens affected and homeowners associations. No controversy seemed obvious. The citizens and LPEA or the plat change cases were worked on by staff and not much was left for the BOCC except consent.</p> <p>The <b>Retail Marijuana Timelines</b> were simply presented to coincide with the Moratorium’s end on June 1, 2014. There will be many meetings throughout January to a scheduled May 20 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of the ordinance which is the final step. In between will be “invited” public workshops (professionals mainly) to begin drafting the ordinance, followed by public workshops coming in April. Throughout March-May the BOCC too will participate in questions and drafting.</p>