LWVSFC Action & Advocacy *Report to Board*

January 19, 2021

Observer Corps

Members discussed ways to encourage more participation. Suggestions included:

* expand Voter articles to include an example of how League attendance at meetings has led to advocacy that resulted in a positive outcome;
* use the From Study to Action spreadsheet (or a simplified version) as part of the training materials; and
* emphasize that observation of community (non-governmental) meetings is also valuable.

Midtown Campus Project

Chris, Judy Williams and Jody Larson met (via Zoom) with Michaele Pride of UNM, the consultant contracted by the city to lead the public engagement initiative, and Daniel Hernandez on Dec. 18. We completed a survey Ms. Pride sent to community organizations. We asked to be included in the next step, an RFP process to award grants to organizations to fund activities related to public engagement in the project.

City Salary Commission

Jody has heard nothing from the city about participation in this commission.

New Business

Rennie Ashleman said he will be tracking the processes for requesting and funding capital outlay projects at the legislature this session. There appear to be no uniform criteria or scoring systems to assess the relative worth of projects. There are also inconsistent protocols for funds reverting at the end of a fiscal year *vs* being kept on the books for future use. The group noted that these issues are also relevant at the local level and agreed that this may be a topic for a future local or state League study.

Submitted by Chris Furlanetto

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