

## APPENDIX 15 Anecdotal Summary

### **LWV Study - 2010**

#### **Comments taken from Citizen and Members Survey**

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##### **DSS**

The League reps were the second time since I've been on the (DSS) Board that we've had citizens request time (to speak).

(DSS Board) not really an advisory board - actually has decision making authority

For fifteen years or so I have served on a variety of advisory committees in Henderson County. In each case, I served with groups that operated in the interest of the community at large. Politics and political affiliation were never issues.

Conversely, all government sponsored committees operate within the local governmental system. That system is run by elected officials who have overall responsibility to the general public. Those officials are elected by the local public, which means that all or almost all officials are of one political party. I personally support public elections and accept their outcome. Any change to the political landscape must come from the public, and not through a bureaucratic effort to over ride the political will of the populace. (DSS appointments come from 3 sources and does not reflect the above. It is the best way to ensure a balanced perspective.)

##### **Environmental Advisory Board**

Too new to know, but I'm hopeful - (response to question 7) As you know, it's the makeup of the Board that influences what does and doesn't get approved or even addressed.

##### **JCPC**

This council is mandated by general statute and deals directly by legal -----

##### **Heritage Museum**

It's important that the Commissioners match appointments with skills needed by the board/organization and monitor the fit with the board.

##### **Cemetery Adv. Board**

This board has made significant contributions to save historically important sites.

##### **SWAC**

From citizen attendee: Staff didn't furnish copies of stats and other information that supported what the SWAC committee was describing and discussing. And this is information that includes all of us.

BOC only listens when it doesn't cost them money or raise taxes

##### **Historic Resources Commission**

Several members did not comment on question seven. have ideas or recommendations come from this committee in the past?

##### **Board of Commissioner Comments**

Appointments are always conditioned on the completion of the form

In response to question 4 - if we have that information