

1: Public Input Law
2: Open Parks Board
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Topic 1: New Law

- Recently approved, imminent implementation
- Chapter 30, City Council, Section 30.015
- Addressing the council; time limit

Reduced Time Limit

- Down from 5 to 3 minutes
- Reduces time available for good and bad presentations
- Balanced by allowing input on first reading
- Probably an improvement overall
- I'm going to miss those 2 minutes

Line (D)

“Each person addressing the city council shall step up to the **microphone** in front of the rail, shall give his or her name in an audible tone of voice for the record ...”

Line (E)

“Electronic presentations that require audio and/or visual equipment shall not be allowed.”

Audio Equipment

Microphone, amplifier, speaker, computer, ...

Visual Equipment

Overhead projector, computer monitor, photograph,
...

Unclear Meaning

- (D) and (E) conflict. Use microphone but not electronics?
- What is an “electronic presentation?”
- I give verbal presentations with various assists
- Exclusion probably directed against me (and Bruce)
- Long history of effective PowerPoints (and videos)
- I (we) should feel complimented

Let's Be Fair

- Law limits citizen presenters
- Same limits should apply to city staff
- Stop using projector, microphone
- Back to primitive technology

Goal Behind (E)?

- Reduce the quality of public input?
- Prevent satirical videos?
- Discourage public input?

PowerPoints

- Help to explain, elucidate
- Take longer to prepare than just a speech
- Can be replaced by paper, projector
- What's the value of (E)?

Recommendation

- Clarify the new ordinance, tonight if possible

2: Parks Board Transparency

- Parks board meeting audio now posted online
- New administration policy
- Nice!
- Overturns Huether administration which vetoed council

Enjoy Life, Nature

