

PENDING COMMITTEE APPROVAL

LAW, RULES AND ETHICS COMMITTEE

Tuesday, May 11, 2020
Bronx Community Board 8 Office
Conference Room
Minutes

Attendance: Sylvia Alexander, Dan Padernacht, Martin Wolpoff (Chair), Rosemay Ginty (pro tem)

Absent: Jyll Townes

Guests: David Gelman, Omar Murray, Waiting for complete list from Office

1. Greet and Meet Committee Members and Guests
2. Meeting called to order at 7:05 via Zoom conferencing
3. Approval of January Minutes. Ms. Ginty noted that there was an error of omission in the minutes. She had raised that with respect to any potential conflict of interest claim, the issue needed to be referred to the COIB for adjudication. The Board was not to investigate or pursue.
Motion to approve minutes as amended:
In favor (3) Alexander, Padernacht, Wolpoff
Against (0)
4. Amendment to Guidelines for Street Naming to include parks and landmarks
 - A. Chair had distributed to committee members copies of the Board's current Guidelines for Street Namings and the two Board resolutions to co-name streets for historical significance and co-naming sections of parks. Committee's charge is to modify guidelines to include verbiage for parks and historical significance.
 - B. Mr. Padernacht reminded the committee of two resolutions passed by the Board which provided verbiage for the committee to consider.
 - C. The Chairman offered to synthesize the documents for an edited Guidelines. He would share it with the committee and ask for input and suggestions.
 - D. Approval of the revised Guidelines will require a vote by the committee, approval by the executive committee and a vote of the full board. With such a calendar, the executive committee and full board won't be able to vote until September.
4. EGM wording for ad-hoc disciplinary committees - Item considered moot
5. Public hearing for COIB – no longer relevant
6. Review of City Council legislative spreadsheet: Chairman noted that he will be distributing spreadsheet shortly. He also noted that in December he had distributed spreadsheet and COIB settlements to all committee chairs. However, he received only one acknowledgement.
7. Discussion of COIB settlements: Chairman distributed the latest COIB Settlements. Committee members had the opportunity to comment.

8. Old Business – None

9. New Business – None

10. Meeting Adjourned: 8:10

Respectfully submitted,

Martin Wolpoff,
Chair

Below please find a draft for possible revisions. Such revisions are in larger print, bold faced and underlined. Your input, as soon as possible, is welcomed and encouraged.

Community Board No. 8 Standards for Street **CO-Name Changes**

A. Community Board Mandatory Standards for streets and park sections

1. Honoree must be deceased.
2. Honoree must be nominated by 3 or more organizations which are on the list required to be kept by the Community Board under the new City Charter.
3. Honoree must have demonstrably benefited the community as, for example;
 - i. Time: if honoree has devoted time to assist the community, a significant portion of such time should have been devoted on a volunteer basis, without remuneration; or
 - ii. Creativity: if honoree was a creative or artistic person, honoree must have been identified with community so as to increase local pride in the creative works of the honoree; or
 - iii. Heroics: if honoree places himself or herself in significant physical danger, above and beyond the call of duty to benefit or protect this community district and/or its inhabitants; or
 - iv. Elected Officials: honoree may be an elected public official, whose constituency included all or part of the Community Board district, in which case standard 3 (i) may be considered satisfied, because of the extensive nature of community involvement by public officials.

B. Community Board Mandatory Standards for Street Co-Naming for Buildings/institutions of Historical Significance

- i. The institution or building must be at least 30 years old.
- ii. The institution, site or building must have a special character or special historical or aesthetic interest or value as part of the development, heritage, or cultural characteristics of the community district, city, state or nation.
- iii. The site or building must be nominated by 3 or more organizations which are on the list required to be kept by the Community Board under the new City Charter.

- iv. The location bearing the name change should have a specific connection to the institution, site or building.
- v. The street co-name change should not engender confusion (i.e., too many other similar names in the vicinity).

C. Community Board Discretionary Standards

(Introduction: the Community Board need not approve all proposals which fit within the mandatory guidelines. The following will also be considered):

1. Honoree's impact should be on widest possible cross-section of the community (i.e., benefiting a neighborhood rather than a single building).
2. The nominating organizations should reflect the diversity of the community district.
3. The honoree should be associated with creation of **a** specific neighborhood project (a park, a youth program, tenants group, etc.) or with aid to those in need (youth, elderly, the poor, the disabled, etc.) or with work which has bettered the lives of a wide population and has reflected credit on this community district, or with exceptional valor and heroism beyond the call of duty.
4. Special consideration will be given where honoree's death was untimely or occurred in the course of honoree's community work.

D. Procedure

1. Upon nomination by 3 or more community groups, the proposed name change will be referred to the Traffic and Transportation Committee, which will upon written notice, consider the proposal within the next 90 days and recommend acceptance or rejection.
2. The Executive Committee, at its first meeting following the vote on the proposal by the Traffic and Transportation Committee, will consider the proposal upon written notice, and may recommend acceptance or rejection of the name change.
3. After the first approval by a Committee of the Community Board, but, in any event before the vote of the full Board, consent to the proposal must be obtained from the family of the honoree (usually, through the next of kin). After eliciting consent, the process may continue.
4. Any Committee vote shall also include the reasons for approval or rejection, under these standards.
5. Following the vote by the Executive Committee, any of the following may bring the matter onto the agenda of the next meeting of Community Board No. 8:

The Traffic and Transportation Committee, the Executive Committee, and/or any member of the Board

Once added to the agenda, upon written notice, to the members the proposal will be submitted to a vote at two successive Board meetings (unless it is defeated at the first

vote of the Board). Two successive affirmative results are necessary (one at each of two monthly meetings) to approve the name change.

6. The above schedule may be extended whenever any committee, or the Board, decides it needs further information. In such case, consideration of the proposal, may be tabled month-to-month, until such information is obtained