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### **Legislation, By-Laws & Policy**

**February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

**Dalourney Nemorin, Chairperson**

**Concerns were raised about City, State and Federal policies and their impact on the community, including a lack of research and understanding among committee members. Speakers also discussed the need to revise the Boards. Additionally, debating the ethics committee referral process, including notification to members, committee appearance.**

#### **Outline**

##### **City zoning policies and bylaws.**

- Committee chair discusses city of yes write-up for review, highlighting concerns about housing opportunities and laboratories.
- Dalourney Nemorin expresses concern about lack of research before presenting to Community Board.
- Dalourney Nemorin plans to be more aware of who's coming to subcommittee meetings and prepare questions for them.
- Dalourney Nemorin proposes amending bylaws to include public members.

##### **Board member removal procedures.**

- Committee members debate changes to bylaws, including voting rights and meeting attendance requirements.
- Committee discusses removal of members section, including referral to committee for mediation.
- Committee discusses removing board member for two consecutive unexcused absences.

##### **Community board member requirements and attendance.**

- Member suggests removing "two years" from the Code of Conduct and replacing it with "a term as provided in Section 20 of the charter" (Bullet point 1)

- Anthony Jordan proposes using "for a term" instead of "two years" in the Code of Conduct, citing Section 20 of the charter (Bullet point 2)
- Members expected to attend all 10 full board meetings and monthly committee meetings.
- Committee on Ethics assesses, resolves conflicts, and removes members for cause.

#### **Board member removal requirements.**

- Committee refers members on Ethics who miss two consecutive General Board meetings.
- Members discuss absences from General Board meetings, with some suggesting consecutive absences should be referred to as "General Board absence."

#### **Removing members from committee.**

- Committee members discuss potential recommendations for appointing a member, including by majority vote or committee chairperson
- Members may be removed for cause, including improper conduct or violating rules.
- Members may be removed for absences or improper conduct, including conduct that violates protocol, code of ethics.

#### **Ethics violations and committee notifications.**

- Committee discusses notification to member regarding ethics referral.
- Committee notifies member of bylaw violations, requests appearance to address.

#### **Removing members from committee.**

- Committee discusses member violations and removal procedures.
- Committee members discuss process for removing a member, including sustained violations or non-responsiveness.
- Committee recommends removal for non-response or violations, with notification to members at a regular board meeting.

#### **Board member removal and bylaws updates.**

- Committee discusses procedures for removing a member, including written notice and majority vote at next scheduled meeting.
- Committee members discuss legislation and policies relevant to their area of focus.

#### **Local recreation center repairs and community issues.**

- Anthony Jordan explains how procurement system delays and underbidding lead to quality of life issues in the community.

- Dalourney Nemorin expresses concern about the lack of access to recreational facilities in the community, particularly for young people, and suggests possible solutions such as a registration system with teeth to ensure compliance.
- Dalourney Nemorin also raises concerns about the expansion of the detention center and the need for safeguards to ensure that the community's needs are met.

#### **Public safety issues in NYC public housing.**

- Dalourney Nemorin expresses frustration with NYPD's lack of action in addressing public safety concerns, particularly in regards to homeless individuals trespassing in public housing.
- Whitney Williams questions the purpose of the committee's work and the need for more teeth in policy and regulations to address community concerns.
- Dalourney Nemorin suggests gathering data and brainstorming ways to utilize city council funding for housing and procurement.

#### **Action Items**

Review and provide edits on bylaws draft to chair

Share bylaws draft with new member Whitney via Google Docs

Highlight suggestion to add "consecutive" to bylaw draft absences section

Email chair to review highlighted "consecutive" suggestion

Send updated bylaws draft to committee members for review

Research and share any relevant pending legislation for district

Bring parks recreation center repair delays issue to Executive Board meeting

Send committee updates from each subcommittee to Executive Board