

NLCC Bylaws Committee Meeting Report

February 17, 2024

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A. Reviewed Objectives of upcoming bylaw changes ..

- 1) Timing of the Annual Membership Meeting and Board Member Elections. Our intent is to revert back to October for the Annual Membership meeting and Board Member Elections. (Historically, it was October, but was changed to December a couple years ago.) Given the Holidays, October is a much better time of year for the Annual Membership Meeting.
- 2) Provide for Enhanced Community Outreach and Engagement. There are opportunities to enhance community engagement and better describe how residents may also provide input and participate with the NLCC even if they are not formal voting members. This approach will help the NLCC assure a broader understanding of how the community feels about various issues. In this category, we are also looking for opportunities to adjust the bylaws to recognize the viability of remote outreach through Social Media and leveraging technology (like Zoom Meetings) to allow remote participation, including formal voting of Members.
- 3) Provide Flexibility for Timelier NLCC Board Feedback to Government Bodies. There are times where it is impractical or impossible to hold a Membership Meeting and vote on the positions that the NLCC should take in response to requests for comments from the Borough, State, or Federal government bodies. Current bylaws are overly restrictive and require formal votes. Changes will allow for NLCC Board members to take positions and use their knowledge of community opinions through Social Media outreach or other methods. In the event this new approach is used, the Board will be held accountable to share with Members (and residents in general) the positions they have taken on behalf of the broader community.

B. Specific language was reviewed in the bylaws, and suggested revisions have been developed, to address the objectives outlined above.

C. Next Steps

- 1) Review this report with the rest of the Board and Membership at the February 29th meeting. If there is agreement, get a motion approved to proceed. If not, adjust timing for final approval and hold another meeting of the Bylaws Committee to address any new issues.
- 2) Post this report and the new draft (redlined) bylaws on the Web page. Also send the report and redlined bylaws out to Members with a request that they review and be prepared to vote on final approval at the March meeting.
- 3) Vote on final approval of updated Bylaws at the March meeting.