

**Law, Rules and Ethics Committee
Meeting Minutes
May 8, 2017
Board Office**

Attendance

Present: Martin Wolpoff, Chair, Herb Young, Vice Chair, Sylvia Alexander, Rosemary Ginty, Irving Ladimer, Diego Santiago

Absent: Charles Moerdler

Community Attendees: Robert Press, Carlos Wilcox

Meeting called to order at 7:05

1. Approval of March minutes:

In favor 6:- Martin Wolpoff, Herb Young, Sylvia Alexander, Rosemary Ginty, Irving Ladimer, Diego Santiago

Opposed: 0

2. Discussion of City Council Legislative actions – updated spreadsheets prepared by Ms. Ginty were distributed. Committee reviewed items related to:

- 1) DOT requirement to pilot a program for establishing reserved parking spaces in City properties for hourly rental cars,**
- 2) requirement for Department of Buildings to provide reports and information to community boards,**
- 3) reductions in enforcement of noise abatement laws,**
- 4) Councilman Cohen’s intro concerning preventing use of ATVs in parks,**
- 5) the need for community boards to disseminate information on the SCRIE program,**
- 6) establishing a task force to study private streets in the city,**
- 7) creating a scorecard program for adult day care centers,**
- 8) legislation to review “fair share” applications,**
- 9) an intro from Councilman Cohen requiring notification to council member, Borough President and community board of delays and cost overruns in capital projects.**

3. Ms. Ginty reminded committee that spreadsheet is forwarded to all board committee chairs for their use in providing their committees with the latest intros that impact on the interests of their committees.

3. Discussion of COIB findings – Committee discussed recent COIB dispositions

Side discussions referenced Gen Flynn who is alleged to have failed to advise the Vice-President about his conflicts of interest and the NYC Corrections Commissioner who used his City vehicle to drive to his home in Maine charging fuel and tolls to NYC tax payers.

4. Civics Presentations

Chairman reported on the two presentations offered at the Kingsbridge branch and the first of two presentations at the Riverdale branch. The last Riverdale presentation will be on Thursday, May 18 at 5:45. Chairman plans to add discussions on how a bill becomes a law with particular reference to the process for any changes to the federal Affordable Care Act.

5. New business

LRE Chairman, who is also the chair of the 2017 nominating committee, solicited opinions concerning a board member who requested consideration for two leadership positions (retaining a current chair position while seeking an officership). Committee members saw this as a first time event. It was generally felt that this situation effectively discouraged other members from seeking the potentially vacant chair position. Chair plans to bring up this issue at the June board meeting. Any change to procedures would have to wait for possible amendment to the boards "Ethical Guidelines."

June meeting – Board chair advised the committee chair that the Philharmonic will be performing in Van Cortlandt Park on Tuesday, June 13. The request was for the board to meet on LRE's date, June 12. In researching an alternate date, chair learned that Wednesday, June 14 was available. Thus the next LRE meeting will take place on June 14.

Respectfully submitted,

**Martin Wolpoff,
Chair**

**Additional notes provided by Diego Santiago
Meeting adjourned at 8:30**