

WEST 78th STREET MUSEUM BLOCK ASSOCIATION

C O N S T I T U T I O N

Article 1 - Name

The name of the Association shall be the West 78th Street Museum Block Association.

Article 2 - Purposes

The purposes of the Association shall be to beautify the block and to preserve and enhance its neighborhood community character and security.

Article 3 - Membership

Any person eighteen years of age or over who resides or owns property on the block between Columbus and Amsterdam Avenues shall be eligible for membership and may become a member upon payment of annual dues of one dollar at any time. The Secretary shall keep a list of current members.

Article 4 - Meetings

Two regular meetings of the Association shall be called each year, one on the first Tuesday in October and one on the first Thursday in May. The President or the Executive Committee may call other meetings of the Association as necessary. Upon the request of ten or more members, the President shall call a meeting within two weeks. Written notice of all meetings shall be given to all persons eligible for membership by the Secretary at least ten days in advance of the meeting. The President shall prepare and circulate an agenda at the time notice is given of any meeting. Thirty members present in person shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. Each member present shall have one vote. Except as otherwise provided by this Constitution, the vote of the majority of the members present at the time of the vote, if a quorum is present at such time, shall be an act of the membership.

Article 5 - Officers

The officers shall be the President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. They shall be elected by the membership for a one year term.

Article 6 - Executive Committee

The Executive Committee shall consist of the officers, five members elected by the membership and three members appointed by the President. This committee shall act as counsel to the President and, by at least seven affirmative votes, may decide and act on matters of importance between general meetings only when calling a full membership meeting would be impracticable. Meetings of the committee may be called by the President or at least three members and shall be open to all members of the Association. Date, time and place of all Executive Committee meetings will be available from the Secretary of the Association.

Article 7 - Elections

The election of officers shall take place at the May meeting of the Association. The Executive Committee shall appoint a nominating committee of five members to select candidates for all elective offices. The Nominating Committee must present its nominations to the Executive Committee by March 15th. Nominations may also be made by signed petition of ten or more members submitted to any member of the Executive Committee at least three weeks before the election. The nominations of the Nominating Committee and any received by petition shall be published with the agenda. Nominations may also be made from the floor at the meeting. If there are three or more candidates for any office and none receives a majority on the first ballot then the candidate with the least number of votes shall be removed from the ballot. This procedure shall be followed until a candidate receives a majority.

Article 8 - Parliamentary Procedure

The proceedings of the Association meetings shall be governed by and conducted according to Robert's Rules of Order.

Article 9 - Amendments

This Constitution may be amended or altered by a two-thirds vote of those present in person at any properly constituted meeting of the Association provided all members shall have been notified of the proposed change not less than ten days prior to such meeting.