

50th ADC Meeting: Monday, October 22nd, 2018

Mikael: Introductions, first ADC meeting with Quorum on record! Congrats everyone!
We are the perfect AD to run a test case of what an ADC can be, we can model this for other districts.

JBV: ADC written into rules of KC party, they are supposed to happen in every AD, but they are not in practice. They mirror the structure of the larger cc and are an opportunity to work together to forward the goals of the party, and work with our DLs more closely and support each other.

Check out the website JBV put together! AD50districtcommittee.com

Things we have to do tonight to organize the committee officially:

- We'd like to propose to postpone the official elections until we have a rules committee to add leadership/election related rules before electing anyone.

****Please add comments to the bottom of the [rules page](#) on the website, this can be an open forum to capture it in central location**

- Rules committee will talk in more detail and bring back their findings to the next meeting—

- Nick Rizzo made a motion for next ADC meeting to happen in Jan/Feb 2019, but rules committee will meet before then

- It is in the ADC rules that we need a rules committee, but we still want to keep it as open a forum as possible

- Wally proposed meeting every three months

- It was suggested that Robert's Rules be used to conduct meeting

We voted to postpone the adoptions of the rules, to hold the next meeting in Jan or Feb, at the next meeting the proposed rules would be provided: Majority voted yes!

****NOTE**** All votes were carried unanimously!

- We need to adopt an address for our headquarters: Victoria's old campaign office at Franklin and Java

- We need to elect officers for the ADC

- Propose to elect temp officers until the next committee so people can have some time to think about if this is something they want to do and prepare a couple of mins on the floor at the next meeting

Rules committee will set up rules that determine what the other sub committees are responsible for and what the leadership is responsible for

Linda and Nick as place holders as vice chair and chair

Adam is temp treasurer

Michele temp secretary

Vote passed!

DLs have a few mins to speak:

Linda: Needs to be more transparency and community involvement in cc. This should be a model for other ADs and there are other leaders who are dissatisfied. County is a well oiled machine, but we should sit down and negotiate.

Nick: Nick is concerned with general election coming up, and he is in southern bk helping Andrew Gounardes and going to Long Island to help Jim Gorrin this weekend. Looking forward we need to build our own power in the 50th, meet our neighbors, winter public advocate campaign, judicial delegates in the summer, and gearing up for the presidential election. We're building a block by block movement.

Q&A with DLs:

Q: During cc meeting, exec committee meetings should be open to the public, how do we attend? What's the status of Bobby Carroll's proposal?

A: Neither DLs are on the rule committee. What happens is going to be what Frank wants to happen. It could go either way, Nick thinks they might adopt the reform. This would be a big reform if one person doesn't have majority control. Linda can contact Lou Fiddler to get more information.

Q: County committee elections vs appointment. Is it possible to appoint more cc members before the spring meeting?

A: No. Vacancy appointments is one time only. DLs are just given the slate and also have no say in it.

Q: DLs vote for the county chair. What was your vote when it came to the recent chair.

A: He was unopposed. But there was a yes, no vote, but it would have been a throw away vote. Only Nick voted against Frank. One DL abstained. It was recorded as 38 yes, 1 no, 1 abstain.

Q: Why do DLs bend the knee to chair? How can we leverage ADC to influence DLs who currently vote for the county chairman?

A: Linda: DLs are split with county chair, someone almost ran against him, but better the devil you know. It's two years before the election, a lot of things can happen. Changes need to be made. A lot of leaders are not happy with Frank's leadership, but they like him as a person. Frank isn't strong as a leader, tries to please everyone.

There have been rumors that Frank might be stepping down, Walter Mosley might take his place. Walter was who was going to run against Frank. Linda: He doesn't give an honest commitment.

Q: 40 DLs who voted, are there DLs who would be willing to contest if there were two sides.

A: It's not the majority. Frank has a solid 21+ DLs who would likely not back anyone else.

Q: What was the general talk about this progressive movement? Was there a sense that things are changing?

A: Nick is blown away by how different their reality is from his. Nick: They don't see us, and the change that's happening. They got a glimpse of it three weeks ago, but they still think they can make it through. Past reformers came into the fold and became regulars. But Linda thinks they will soon realize that this is not the case, we will have to work together. They need to see that those who change are not just going to jump on their train.

Q: If progressive wave succeeds and Frank is no longer in power, what do our DLs hope to accomplish if this progressive movement is successful. Is there an ideological agenda for Nick and Linda?

Nick: closet socialist. We need to strengthen the grassroots, not worried about where the priorities will be. Slowly decaying machine for 60-70 years. We're going through big societal shifts, but it also depends on everyone else in the borough.

Linda: More women in leadership positions. More of a female wave than a blue wave. Wants to see our AD come to together. Hasidic community votes as a block. If we could get our community to stick together we would be strong.

Small groups:

-What can ADC be, what would we like this to be, how can an ADC change what cc is and how the party is run?

-How would we like the party to grow, how can we use this to make this happen.

-How can we educate people more about this existing?

-Adding to what cc member have the ability to do

- a channel between the average person and the committee

-measure voter turnout better, how successful are our efforts

-only paid attention when we used the rule book at cc meeting

-using Roberts rules more often and affect change

-a committee on Roberts rules and parliamentary procedure, we should follow it hear and become more practiced

-We need to vote as a progressive block

-be a conduit to different groups and make a bigger block

-Legislation

-utilizing DLs more?

-How can we vote in new DLs throughout Brooklyn

- get community together and impact legislation and show the impact of a group like this
- have an effect comparable to the community board
- How can we show other districts what we're doing,
- Have meetings be for specific decisions

- leadership change at large, party to be more organized
 - modernize things, proxies
 - more community engagement
 - issue of internal communication
 - more people designated to record the facts at cc meetings
 - having more signals in the cc meetings
 - using more digital tools and platforms
 - What are the issues that we really care about as ADC members
 - continue to meet in person to build lasting relationships
 - having the meeting be in a more central location
 - take best practices from other boroughs
 - organizing towards next cc meeting, strategy, recruiting
 - we are 40 people who knocked our neighbors doors, huge organizing power that can be used for other things as well. Support other campaigns, connect with public with electeds, engage with community boards
- How will we keep track of ourselves—go to the website
- Create an invite only google doc or slack so we can all stay in touch and archival record
- Send out a survey with the issues and community things your involved with and catalogue what our connections are

