

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

CITY OF LOWELL

In City Council

ORDINANCE

An Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances City of Lowell, Massachusetts, with respect to Chapter 9, entitled "Boards, Commissions and Committees".

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOWELL, as follows:

The City of Lowell for many years has identified and celebrated the ethnic diversity of its residents.

The City has a multi-year tradition of naming and dedicating monuments, open space and municipal benches; and

In order to establish consistent policy considerations it is recommend that a Monument Committee be established

THEREFORE, "The Code of Ordinances City of Lowell, Massachusetts," hereinafter called the "Code," adopted by the City Council on December 23, 2008, is hereby amended with respect to Chapter 9 thereof, entitled "Boards, Commissions and Committees", by adding a new Article XIII as follows:

ARTICLE XIII.

Monument Committee

A. Under the authority of the Home Rule Amendment Article 89 of the Amendments to the Massachusetts Constitution, there is hereby created a Monument Committee for the City of Lowell.

§9-44. Establishment, function and purpose.

A. The Monument Committee shall establish policies governing the naming or dedication of public spaces, whether they be inside public buildings or on public grounds. The

policy would include a standard application process; naming or dedication criteria; design guidelines; insurance and maintenance requirements; renaming or rededication requests; and associated fees.

B. In the event that the naming or dedication relates to park land, the Monument Committee shall make recommendations to the Board of Parks.

§9-45. Membership; Appointment; terms; qualifications.

A. The Monument Committee shall be comprised of representatives from the following disciplines: two members with design and landscape background; two members from the Arts community; two members with historic preservation knowledge; two members with urban planning background; one with legal background and two alternate members from any of the above disciplines.

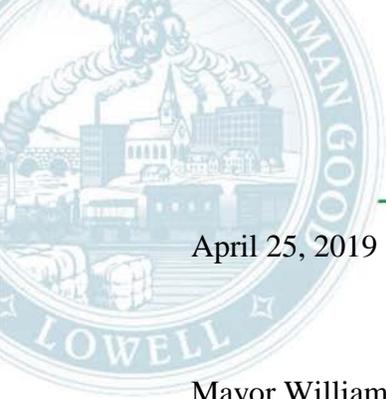
- (1) Membership in the Monument Committee shall be appointed through the authority of the City Manager. Approval by the City Council shall not be required.
- (2) The Committee shall consist of up to eleven appointed members which include two alternate members.
- (3) A vacancy occurring otherwise than by expiration of a term shall be filled for the unexpired term in the same manner as an original appointment.
- (4) The Monument Committee shall meet four times per year as a group in its entirety.
- (5) The Monument Committee Board Members shall serve for three (3) years.

All provisions of the Code of the City of Lowell, as amended, which are consistent with this Ordinance shall continue in effect but all provisions of said Code inconsistent herewith are repealed.

This Ordinance shall take effect upon its passage in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 43 of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, as amended.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Christine P. O'Connor
City Solicitor



April 25, 2019

Eileen Donoghue
City Manager

Mayor William Samaras
And
Members of the City Council

Re: Proposed Ordinance – Memorial Committee

Dear Mayor Samaras and Members of the City Council:

Over these past months there have been a number of motions relative to the naming, renaming and dedication of monuments, open space and municipal benches. After input from various departments, Law, DPD, Historic and Special Events, I am recommending that a Monument Committee be established.

The Committee would be responsible for establishing consistent policy considerations relative to the dedication and naming of municipal property. The Committee would be comprised of representatives from the following areas or disciplines: design and landscape; the arts community; historic preservation; urban planning; and legal.

In addition to establishing policies governing the naming or dedication of public spaces, whether inside public buildings or on public grounds, the Committee would also establish the following: a standard application process; naming or dedication criteria; design guidelines; insurance and maintenance requirements; renaming or rededication requests; and associated fees.

In the event that the naming or dedication relates to park land, the Monument Committee shall make recommendations to the Board of Parks.

Prior to the policy being formally adopted by the City, it must be approved by the City Council.

Finally, in keeping with Council Noun's motion, this Committee would also include two alternate members.

Very truly yours

Eileen M. Donoghue
City Manager

cc: Christine P. O'Connor, City Solicitor
Diane Tradd, Dir. DPD, Assistant City Manager
Henry Marchand, Dir. Cultural Affairs and Special Events
Steve Stowell, Historic Board Administrator