



Hamilton

MINUTES

Hamilton Youth Advisory Committee

Tuesday, May 17, 2011

5:00 p.m.

Room CH264, 2nd Floor

City Hall

71 Main Street West, Hamilton

Present: Chair: (To be determined)
Vice-Chair: (To be determined)
Members: Alex Fiorello, Fan Yang, Zil Nasir, Mohammad Nasir
Meg Chalmers, Don Mahleka, Alexander Ramirez, Fabian Ahmed,
Lauren Hansen, Natascha Del Prete, Jessika Del Prete, David
Boruch, Michael Pratas

**Absent with
Regrets:** Mayor Bratina, Councillor Jackson, Bryan Padilla, Tina Huynh,
Michelle Leach, Karen Trinh, Jennifer Little, Julie Ling Ma, Mikayla
Zolis,

Also Present: René Reid, Mark Weingartner

1. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None were made

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

4. PRESENTATIONS

4.1 Introductions

4.2 Items 4.1 & 4.2 were combined. Fan facilitated a simple ice breaker for the group called "Apples, Watermelons, and Onions". We went around the group and shared something that was to us an apple (something good), a watermelon (something so so) and an onion (something that wasn't very good).

5. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- 5.1 Scheduled meeting times:
Group discussion about the time monthly meetings should begin and end. Group decided that 5-7pm the third Tuesday of the month would work for most committee members. Some committee members identified that they would have to either arrive late or arrive early to accommodate travel schedules.
- 5.2 HYAC Group Norms:
Brief discussion about the 'group norms' the group identified at the orientation. It was agreed that we would revisit them at the next meeting. René to provide group norms in a printed format
- 5.3 The City of Hamilton: How it works!
René created a Jeopardy game members played to share information and facts about Hamilton history, municipal responsibilities, HYAC and municipal government.
- 5.4 HYAC Terms of Reference:
Mark highlighted a few key areas of HYAC's current TOR. Discussion took place about what a TOR is, why we have one and reasons a TOR may be changed.
- 5.5 HYAC Budget for 2011:
HYAC's budgetary allotment for 2011 was shared with the group. Key areas and estimated amounts were highlighted. Discussion on strategic spending and the idea of having one of the committee members report on the budget bi-monthly in a treasurer-type capacity was explored. Further discussion will need to take place on the creation of a Treasurer role.
- 5.6 HYAC roles (Chair & Vice Chair or Co-Chairs, Webmaster, Visual Media Coordinator etc.):
The group agreed to not proceed with choosing/electing committee members to fill needed roles at this meeting. The group identified they needed more time to get to know each other better and to synergize more as a committee. However, the committee also recognized the need to begin moving on some initiatives. Suggestions were made to elect the Co-Chairs in September and in June. A vote was taken and the majority of committee members favoured a June election for the various positions. René to send out drafts of role descriptions to get input from committee members.
- 5.7 Website (Content, Youth Photos & Bios, Resources etc.)
Committee members were reminded to get their consent forms in, a photo and brief bio to be included on the members' page of the website
- 5.8 HYAC areas of interest and possible future focus: Poverty, after school educational/recreational programs, transportation/accessibility & service improvement, Youth Stereotyping, group events/publicity (website launch, raising HYAC's profile), collaborative opportunities (The Globe, other youth groups etc.) -Deferred due to time limitations.

6. GENERAL INFORMATION & OTHER BUSINESS

- 6.1 Hamilton Youth Engagement Proposal – Alex Ramirez
Alex gave a brief talk about the Hamilton Youth Engagement project that is underway. Discussion took place about the project and if the project was a fit with HYAC's goals and mandate at this time. Youth who were interested in this project provided Alex with their contact info for further follow-up.
- 6.2 Meeting Evaluation and Feedback

7. ADJOURNMENT

(Reid/Weingartner)

That, there being no further business, the meeting be adjourned at 7p.m.