



Hamilton

MINUTES

Hamilton Youth Advisory Committee

Tuesday June 19th, 2012

Lister Block Building, 28 James Street North, 4th Flr.

Hamilton ON, L8P 4Y5

5:00 –7:00 p.m.

Present: Co-Chairs: Alex Fiorello,
Members: Michael Pratas, Alex Ramirez, Don Mahleka, Lauren Hansen, Fan Yang,
Absent with Regrets: Councillor Jackson, David Boruch, Michelle Leach, Mikayla Zolis
Also Present: René Reid, Mark Weingartner

1. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

None

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

3.1 No revisions were required by those in attendance. Minutes from May 2012 were approved. **(Fiorello/Yang)**

4. PRESENTATIONS

None

5. DISCUSSION ITEMS

5.1 Youth Week Hamilton 2012:

- Contest to design logo and poster for YWH '13
- Formation of a Youth Week Hamilton sub-committee
- Theme/Slogan

- Possible Guests
- Possible Venue
- Kick-off Event or a Wrap-up Event or both?
- World Record Attempt?
- Critical Path and other HYAC events/trainings
- Youth Awards

A discussion took place among the members present. Members liked the idea of having a logo and slogan contest. A Youth Week Hamilton sub-committee idea was explored. Alex Ramirez suggested rather than calling it a 'sub-committee' it should be called a 'sub-division'. All agreed they would welcome more collaboration between other youth groups.

The committee unanimously decided to push back any decisions on the above points until the next HYAC meeting September 18th. René reminded the group this delay will impact the launch date of the logo and poster contests as well as the judging etc. Critical path will need to be adjusted. Some of the members want to work on some of the above points during the summer with input from youth who attend The New Globe. Any ideas or suggestions are to be brought to HYAC for final voting. Examples of slogan ideas can be found in the appendix.

(Fiorello/Ramirez)

5.2 Future report(s) to Council: What would HYAC like to 'advise' Council about?

HYAC members discussed some of the topics they feel are significant issues to youth such as: Youth-friendly communities (Not posting signs in store windows limiting the number of youth permitted inside at any one time etc.), accessible transit, youth poverty and homelessness.

Members also discussed the advisory committee recruitment process and ways to make it more youth friendly.

Alex Ramirez motioned:

"Where HYAC develops a report to Council to authorize amendments to city bylaws under the Clerks Department to enable advisory committee members to be present during the selection process of new membership."

(Ramirez/Fiorello)

5.3 New member orientation: Who, what, when, where...

HYAC had 17 applicants for appointment to the committee. Once the Clerk's Department has everything in place regarding membership, René or Mark will communicate with the committee regarding next steps. In the meantime, committee members were asked to think about an orientation for new members and *how* they would like to 'orient' the new members. We are hoping to have an orientation for new HYAC members in early September (before the HYAC monthly meeting September 18th). Current members are asked to step-up to lead the orientation.

5.4 Budget to date

Conducted a basic review of the budget. HYAC has enough funds to last to cover basic meeting expenses until the new year.

5.5 Pan/Parapan Am Games Opportunity: Did anyone apply?

Michael Pratas applied and is still waiting to hear back about his status.

5.6 HYAC, The New Globe & the idea of Youth Town Hall meetings

Don and Alex Ramirez plan to take the summer to discuss further and then report back to the group sometime in October.

6. GENERAL INFORMATION & OTHER BUSINESS

- Recruitment for new HYAC members ended June 8th.
- HYAC & René will be on hiatus until September 2012. **Monthly meetings will resume September 18th, 2012.**
- HYAC's Year End Summary Report is to be presented to Council **December 10th 2012.** Members are asked to consider making this presentation on behalf of the committee.
- Depending on when the committee selects a topic from examples in item 5.2 and when the committee completes the report, HYAC may deliver a second report by the end of the year or sometime in early 2013.

7. ADJOURNMENT

That, there being no further business, the meeting be adjourned at 6:40p.m.

(Fiorello/Ramirez)

Appendix

Youth Week Hamilton 2013!

What's our theme or slogan going to be?

HYAC's slogan/theme for 2012:

• celebrate • inspire • showcase • promote • include •

Having a theme or slogan gives event planning a focus and helps to set the tone of the event.

'Celebrating Each Year in the Spirit of a Specific Theme'

HYAC's ideas as of June 19th, 2012-06-20

Fan Yang suggested the following with an emphasis on the line "...but the only thing you can't do is ignore them..."

Here's to the crazy ones, the misfits, the rebels, the troublemakers, the round pegs in the square holes... the ones who see things differently -- they're not fond of rules... You can quote them, disagree with them, glorify or vilify them, but the only thing you can't do is ignore them because they change things... they push the human race forward, and while some may see them as the crazy ones, we see genius, because the ones who are crazy enough to think that they can change the world, are the ones who do.

Steve Jobs

US computer engineer & industrialist (1955 - 2011)

Alex Ramirez suggested: *Linking aspirations and breaking down barriers*

Other:

Slogan / Theme Ideas: Results of a quick Google search

Australia

- *Get into It*
- *Bring it On*
- *What's it to You*
- *Run with It*
- *Make it Yours*
- *Just Add You*
- *Own It*
- *Shout. Share. Live!*
- *Shout. Share.Live. Unit!*
- *RockIT, WriteIT, DesignIT ...*

New Zealand

- *Love the Skin You're In (Possible touch points for Hamilton: Self esteem, anti-bullying, acceptance, diversity, pride, LGBTQ, Mental health, eating disorders, overall health and well-being etc.)*

Spokane Daily Chronicle

- *They Who Will Carry On*
- *The Youth of Today, the Hope of the Nation Tomorrow*
- *Children, the Foundation of our Nation*
- *For every child, Happiness*

Campbelltown

- *Imagine. Create. Inspire.*

The Free the Child Project

- *Youth are the solution, not the problem*
- *Nothing about us, without us, is for us.*

Other – Various Countries

- *Don't ask for peace, give peace.*
- *Imagine*
- *Youth In Action*
- *Youth takes the floor*
- *Launch yourself*
- *Make a move*
- *Imagine-Create-Inspire: Balancing our lives*
- *Notice, Listen, and Respect*