



Hamilton

MINUTES

Hamilton Youth Advisory Committee
Tuesday January 22, 2013

Lister Block Building, 28 James Street North, Basement Meeting Room.

5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Present: Co-Chairs: Nashwa Khan
Members: Marten Kaas, Lauren Hicks, Becky Schmor, Jackson Virgin-Holland, Joselin Marccio

Absent with Regrets: Councillor Jackson, Alex Ramirez, Mikayla Zolis, Alex Fiorello, Camilo Sanchez Galindo, Daniel Sanchez Galindo, Alexandra da Silva, Michael Pratas, Ryan Markesic, Don Mahleka, Ahmad Ahmad, , Liam Askwith, Sarah Medeiros, Lauren Hansen, Nicole Lachapelle, Fan Yang, Ahmad Ahmad, Fiorella Villanueva-Heldmaier, ,

Also Present: René Reid, Mark Weingartner

COMMITTEE SECRETARY/MINUTE TAKER & TIMEKEEPER/MANAGER – Lauren Hicks

1. **CHANGES TO THE AGENDA** – Addition of item 4.1
2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**- None
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**
3.1 Approval of meeting minutes from November & December 2012 are deferred as the committee did not achieve quorum.

***HYAC currently has 22 members. Quorum would be 11 members plus 1 additional member for a total of 12 members in attendance at the meeting in order to approve minutes and to vote on committee matters.*

4. **PRESENTATIONS**
4.1 Members of the Committee received copies of the City's Strategic Plan 2012-15 and FAQ's. Members talked about what the plan is and some of the

highlights. Committee members were asked to think about “Where they see themselves” and for areas to “Find their voice”.

5. DISCUSSION ITEMS

5.1 Attendance: That, as the following member has been absent for 3 or more consecutive meetings and staff have been unable to reach this member regarding continued membership, they be removed from the HYAC membership at this time:

- (a) Alina Protopopescu – Alina has sent in her resignation
- (b) Daniel Puglia – Daniel has sent in his resignation
- (c) Liam Askwith
- (d) Ryan Markesic
- (e) Michelle Leach– Michelle has sent in her resignation
- (f) Sara Mederos

Note: As the committee did not achieve quorum, voting on membership status with HYAC is deferred.

5.2 Raising the Roof Campaign: HYAC members are invited to join Nashwa and René at City Hall next Tuesday afternoon (prior to our Youth Week Hamilton sub-committee meeting) to sell Raising the Roof Toques.

5.3 HYAC's role as an advisory committee:

Members discussed:

- HYAC's most recent advisory report, *Youth Poverty and Homelessness*, was delivered by Fan Yang on April 21, 2010.
- Previous HYAC report discussions (refer to minutes: January 2010, February 2010, March 2010, April 2010, June 2011, February 2012, March 2012, June 2012, September 2012, October 2012, & December 2012).
- Youth Engagement and Consultation discussion (refer to minutes September 2011).

Members also discussed: the need to 'Close the loop' on any advising HYAC participates in i.e. discussion with the City's Rec Dept. René informed the group that she emailed Jason Ryan last Tuesday and will inform them of any follow-up. The other sub-committees on Youth Friendly Spaces and Transit are still fleshing things out and plans are to invite a rep. from the HSR to a meeting in March or possibly May. Mark will look into contacting the HSR to arrange a representative to come to speak with the committee.

- Status update from report sub-committees

5.4 Youth Friendly Spaces Report sub-committee update: Still fleshing things out. Members of this sub-committee are:

Nashwa

Lauren H

(other volunteers needed)

5.5 Youth Transit sub-committee Report update: Still fleshing things out. Plans are to invite a rep. from the HSR to a meeting in March or possibly May. Mark

will look into contacting the HSR to arrange a representative to come to speak with the committee.

Members of this sub-committee are:

Marten (lead)

Fiorella

Lauren times two

Nicole

Jackson

Nashwa

5.6 Youth Week Hamilton Planning Sub-committee update: Sub-committee has met twice so far. A sponsorship package is in development. Mark will edit and forward on to Nashwa who will have a second draft by this Tuesday (tentative). Once we have a final draft, it will go on to legal for final approval. René to start the SEAT application for the YWH Launch (Saturday May 5th @ City Hall, time TBD).

Members of this sub-committee are:

Lauren H

Nikolai

Don

Ahmad

Marten

Justine (external)

Joselyn

Jackson

Mikayla

6. GENERAL INFORMATION & OTHER BUSINESS

- René informed the committee that she has been working on an environmental scan of what other area Youth Advisory Committees are doing and how they operate. She will circulate the document to everyone once complete.
- Those needing bus tickets, please see René

7. ADJOURNMENT

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

Next meeting February 19, 2013.

(Khan/Kaas)