



Hamilton

MINUTES

Hamilton Youth Advisory Committee
Tuesday February 19, 2013
5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

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

Present: Co-Chairs: Nashwa Khan
Members: Marten Kaas, Lauren Hicks, Joselin Marccio, Alex Fiorello, Camilo Sanchez Galindo, Daniel Sanchez Galindo, Alexandra da Silva, Michael Pratas, Don Mahleka, Ahmad Ahmad, Lauren Hansen, Nicole Lachapelle, Fan Yang, Fiorella Villanueva-Heldmaier

Absent with Regrets: Councillor Jackson, Jason Ryan, Alex Ramirez, Mikayla Zolis, Ryan Markesic, Liam Askwith, Sarah Medeiros, Becky Schmor, Jackson Virgin-Holland

Also Present: René Reid, Mark Weingartner, Alex Lee, Hatem Omram

1. **CHANGES TO THE AGENDA** – Addition of item 4.1, 4.2, 4.3, 4.4
2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** - None
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**
3.1 Approval of meeting minutes from November 2012 & December 2012 and January 2013 were accepted as written.

(C.Sanchez Galindo / di Silva)

4. **PRESENTATIONS**
4.1 **Recreation:** Jason Ryan sent his regrets. Jason left recreation guides and single visit passes which were distributed to those present at the meeting.

4.2 Leadership Quest: René and UFF members shared news of the up-and-coming Leadership Quest event with Hamilton Public Health Services and Unfiltered Facts. Four HYAC members have indicated an interest in participating. René to follow-up on numbers and let everyone know.

4.3 Youth Friendly Spaces: Mark led a discussion on this topic.

4.4 Pan Am Games: Deferred

4.5 Newcomer Youth Support: Two case managers from Wesley Urban Ministries attended the meeting and provided a brief explanation of their work. They are interested in programs for newcomer youth that can help them to empower and upgrade skills. Information about Leadership Quest was given to the case managers.

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

(Kass/Ahmad)

***HYAC now has 19 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.*

5.2 Raising the Roof Campaign:

HYAC received a certificate of appreciation, from Wesley Urban Ministries in appreciation for their efforts during the Raising the Roof Toque Campaign.

5.3 Subcommittee Updates:

Youth Friendly Spaces Report sub-committee update: Still fleshing things out.

- Need more members to be part of it
- Contact Nashwa or Lauren H. or Fan

- Mark facilitated a Q&A session on the topic. Members gave their opinions/insights to questions such as: How do we define youth friendly spaces?, What are youth friendly spaces in Hamilton? What type of youth friendly spaces do we need in Hamilton? Etc. Mark will gather all the comments and distribute at the next meeting March 19.

Youth Transit sub-committee Report update: Still fleshing things out.

- One recommendation is having a person from the HSR come in and talk, but we need to do some research beforehand
- Contact Marten Kaas if you are interested in joining

Youth Week Hamilton Planning Sub-committee update:

- Sponsorship just needs to be edited before sending out. Remember not to promise money and/or spots
- Twitter is available: Camilo Sanchez will be the person in charge
- Need a hash tag for the youth week
- Negotiating price for t-shirts, currently working with Nu Deal. Hire youths to work for them in order to support local youths who are in need of employment. (Reasonable price approx. 6~7\$/ shirt) Contact Nashwa Khan if you want to help
- Looking for an opening for the Youth Week (Possibly a youth and adult keynote speaker)
- Ending the Youth Week (Possibly a youth to perform poetry slam)
- Amazing Race on the first day of the Youth Week, registering youths to participate in the event.
- Downloadable bus pass information/update on status this Friday

6. GENERAL INFORMATION & OTHER BUSINESS

- Those needing bus tickets, please see René

7. ADJOURNMENT

That, there being no further business, the meeting be adjourned at 6:45p.m.
Next meeting March 19, 2013.

(Khan/Kaas)