



Hamilton

MINUTES

Hamilton Youth Advisory Committee
Tuesday April 16, 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, Mikayla Zolis, Jackson Virgin-Holland, Don Mahleka, Fan Yang, Becky Schmor, Joselin Marccio, Lauren Hicks, Ahmad Ahmad,
Absent with Regrets:	Councillor Jackson, Alex Fiorello, Camilo Sanchez Galindo, Daniel Sanchez Galindo, Alexandra da Silva, Fiorella Villanueva-Heldmaier, Alex Ramirez, Michael Pratas, Nicole Lachapelle, Lauren Hansen
Also Present:	René Reid, Mark Weingartner, Zil Nasir, Bryan Ledgerwood, Candace Dube, Gabe Ooni,

COMMITTEE SECRETARY/MINUTE TAKER & TIMEKEEPER/MANAGER – Becky Schmor

- 1. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA** – 5.1 Commitment to HYAC – Marten, 5.2 – Youth Mental Health Conference - Don, all other items moved down accordingly
- 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**- None
- 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING** – Deferred. Quorum was not achieved
- 4. PRESENTATIONS**– None
- 5. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- Commitment to HYAC – Marten: Deferred
- Youth Mental Health Conference – Don handed out information on the Youth
- Mental Health conference called “Dream out Loud” to be held in Council
- Chambers on the Tuesday during Youth Week Hamilton.
- **National Volunteer Week April 21 to 27** – Appointed committee members and frequent ‘Friends of HYAC Members’ received a personalized ‘Thank You’ card, HYAC pen, a signed letter from the General Manager, Joe-Anne Priel, and a ‘You Make a Difference’ starfish pin as a way of thanking everyone for their volunteer contributions to the committee. A special Volunteer Appreciation cake was also enjoyed by all.

5.4 Youth Week Hamilton – 18 days until lift off!

- HYAC will be participating in Volunteer Hamilton’s month long ‘Change the World Campaign’ by submitting the number of volunteer hours contributed by HYAC during the planning and implementation of Youth Week Hamilton.
- René contacted several communities groups to come have a booth at the event, but had few replies
- Nashwa got a reply from Wesley Urban Ministries, who will come with youth services information to hand out
- Don will work on having NGen set up a booth
- Chef’s Wagon is providing hot dogs for the event, 100 more and cheaper than last year!
- Cardinal Newman band is “super” tentative, but Steel Express has confirmed
- Becky, Lauren Hansen, Mikayla and Fiorella will circulate surveys throughout the day
- Don will introduce Councillor Jackson who will introduce the Mayor
- Wes Prankard will be the keynote speaker, which we are able to get for \$200 less than the other speaker, and the payment is donated to his efforts to raise money for playgrounds for kids
- Mary Koziol is a tentative additional speaker, to speak on youth engagement
- Committee discussed asking Brennan Distefano to perform
- Youth week closing will most likely be held at Lyric Theatre and include the conclusion of the amazing race, and a youth slam poetry on the theme “what it is to be a youth in Hamilton”.
- Amazing Race Hamilton: Our guests from Pathways and Unfiltered Facts came to discuss the details of the amazing race

- Our guest Zil will create an Amazing Race booth for the opening day event, where youth can find out about the activity, and possibly register as participants
- The group broke off into three working groups to discuss Promotions, Logistics, and the Closing.

The **Promotions** group was assigned the following duties:

- Social media
- Event page on Facebook
- Table at launch

The **Logistics** group was assigned the following duties:

- Locations
- Task at each location
- Swag bags
- The list of locations to be included in the passport
- Rules of the game

The **Closing** group was assigned the following duties:

- Agenda
- youth poetry slam details
- questions pertaining to the conclusion of the amazing race, prizes
- Everyone broke off evenly into the three groups based on their interest and discussed their respective duties.
- Another meeting will take place on Tuesday April 23rd amongst the smaller groups.

Subcommittee Updates:

- Youth Friendly Spaces Report sub-committee update: Deferred
- Youth Transit Report and survey sub-committee update: Deferred

6. GENERAL INFORMATION & OTHER BUSINESS

- Those needing bus tickets, please see René

7. ADJOURNMENT
