



Hamilton

MINUTES

5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Hamilton Youth Advisory Committee
Tuesday October 15, 2013

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

Present: Co-Chairs:
Members: Lauren Hansen, Camilo Sanchez Galindo, Jackson
Virgin-Holland

Absent with Regrets: Councillor Jackson, Becky Schmor, Nashwa Khan, Joselin
Marccio, Alex Fiorello, Marten Kaas, Daniel Sanchez
Galindo, Don Mahleka, Ahmad Ahmad, Fiorella Villanueva-
Heldmaier, Alexandra da Silva, Nicole Lachapelle, Mikayla
Zolis

Also Present: René Reid, Mark Weingartner, Erin Murphy

COMMITTEE SECRETARY/MINUTE TAKER & TIMEKEEPER/MANAGER – René

- 1. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA – None**
- 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST- None**
- 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S) – HYAC did not
achieve quorum**
 - 3.1** Tuesday February 19, 2013
 - 3.2** Tuesday March 19, 2013
 - 3.3** Tuesday April 16, 2013
 - 3.4** Tuesday May 21, 2013
 - 3.5** Tuesday June 18, 2013
 - 3.6** Tuesday September 17, 2013

***HYAC now has 15 members. Quorum would be 7 members plus 1 additional member for a total of 8 members in attendance at the meeting in order to approve minutes and to vote on committee matters.*

4. **PRESENTATIONS**- None

5. **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

5.1 Youth Friendly Spaces Report – Members refocused on this topic. Discussed HYAC’s definitions of a ‘youth friendly’ space; is it just physical or is it also psychological? What do we know from the two surveys that have been conducted so far? How could HYAC’s perspective inform recreation for youth and thereby perhaps contribute to their report (see item 5.3, Youth and Recreation Report). Explored a two-step report; the second half would include ‘youth friendly guidelines’ to be share City-wide.

Members looked at a report by the Seniors’ Advisory Committee to get a better idea as how to proceed.

Members then created an outline to how they see the first-step of the report:

1. *Define the problem/challenge/issue: Address why this is a problem, prepare brief.*
2. *Currently in Hamilton there is not a definition of what a youth friendly spaces truly is. (What does the literature say?, What do youth say? What are some examples?)*
3. *View any *stats* regarding youth distribution in Hamilton and places youth tend to go. Determine what may be needed in areas where there is a high density or low density of youth etc.*
4. *Youth have raised the issue that they do not have many areas that they believe are youth friendly.*
5. *As a result of the items above, HYAC is tackling this issue head on.*
6. *HYAC has made the commitment to define youth friendly spaces, identify what is needed and to develop a set of guidelines to define what a youth friendly space is in Hamilton.*
7. *This commitment will result in 2 reports to E&CS.*
8. *The first report will discuss what youth friendly spaces are, as determined by HYAC, through youth surveys conducted in the city and the consultation of youth and youth organization.*
9. *The second report would be the release of guidelines for youth friendly spaces to follow in Hamilton.*

5.2 Youth Transit Report – Based on two surveys conducted by HYAC, and the members in attendance, it appears that youth for the most part are okay with HSR bus service overall. Individual youth have specific feedback regarding

schedules, routes, fares and customer service. HYAC members have decided not to focus on this topic as a report item.

5.3 Youth and Recreation Report – There has been no further follow-up from the Recreation Department on this report. Members of HYAC consulted on the proposed report at their November 2012 meeting. A report from the Recreation Department and any endorsement by HYAC is still pending upon further notification.

5.4 Youth Week Hamilton – Deferred

5.5 HYAC's year-end summary: Jackson viewed the slides and went over the report and will prepare to present to E&CS December 9th, 2013. Rene' Mark and Jackson will arrange a time to meet to do a couple of run-throughs before Dec. 9th.

6. GENERAL INFORMATION & OTHER BUSINESS

- Those needing bus tickets, please see René

7. ADJOURNMENT

That, there being no further business and that members had to leave to catch buses, the meeting be adjourned at 6:20p.m.

All

Next meeting November 19, 2013.