



Notes (Quorum was not met)

FOOD & SHELTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Thursday, June 26, 2014 - 2:00 p.m.,
City of Hamilton – City Hall, Room 222
71 Main St. W., Hamilton

Present: Chair: Medora Uppal
Members: Katherine Kalinowski, Larry Huibers, Denise Arkell, and Don Jaffray

Absent with
Regrets: Carol Cowen, Loretta Hill Finamore, Laura Workman, Karen Efron, Scott Jones, and Councillor Sam Merulla.

Also Present: Amanda DiFalco, Manager Homelessness Policy & Programs and Michele Attard (minute taker), Program Secretary/Housing Services Division.

Guests: none

1. WELCOME

Medora welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

None

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Declarations of Conflict of Interest)

None

CARRIED

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Approval of minutes for April 23, 2014; deferred.
Review of notes from May 23, 2014, deferred

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

5.1 Membership

There was some discussion regarding membership and what is the future of this committee.

Members felt that this committee was an important vehicle to connect with Council and would not like to lose this connection.

Members asked how the evaluation will reflect on membership and will there be a new committee in 2015.

Amanda will follow up with Clerk's office regarding recruitment for 2015

6. DISCUSSION ITEMS

6.1 2014 Municipal Election

Municipal Election – Candidate questions:

Medora distributed a copy of a draft set of questions with graphic enhancements for the group to review.

- Medora mentioned that the Aboriginal piece was missing in the questions
- It was suggested that the group should connect with other Advisory Committee chairs to incorporate any questions they may also have to create a total package.
- It was suggested that the purpose of this committee be included on the question sheet
- This could be a tool for voters also

Medora will connect with Laura at Native Women's Centre and draft the questions for review.

Amanda will send Medora a list of contacts from other Advisory Committee's

Amanda will follow up with Clerk's office to see when MPP Ted McMeekin will be at Council as per a request from the committee

6.2 City of Hamilton Budget Review

Amanda informed members that she has spoken with Gillian Hendry regarding the budget review and Gillian would be happy to attend to give an overview at the next September meeting.

6.3 September Milestones Presentation

- Members reviewed the 2013 presentation and updated the presentation.

Amanda will make revisions to the presentation and send to Medora to review

Amanda will confirm the meeting when the presentation will be brought before Council, it will be Sept 8th or Sept 22nd.

6.4 Staff Announcement

Amanda informed members that Jennie Vengris has accepted a new job at McMaster University and Amanda will be acting Liaison person until the position has been filled, the posting should go out July 3rd.

Also there will be an informal party to wish Jennie all the best on July 3rd at the Baltimore House, 43 King William St.

7 UPDATES FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

None

8 NEXT MEETING

The next meetings is September 11th from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. (City Hall location – room 222)

10 ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 10:55