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Hamilton Youth Advisory Committee
Tuesday December 18, 2012

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

5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Present: Co-Chairs: Nashwa Khan
Members: Lauren Hansen, Nicole Lachapelle, Fan Yang, Ahmad Ahmad, Fiorella Villanueva-Heldmaier, Lauren Hicks, Marten Kaas

Absent with Regrets: Councillor Jackson, Alex Ramirez, Mikayla Zolis, Alex Fiorello, Becky Schmor, Camilo Sanchez Galindo, Daniel Sanchez Galindo, Jackson Virgin-Hollan, Alexandra da Silva, Michael Pratas, Daniel Puglia, Ryan Markesic, Michelle Leach, Don Mahleka, Ahmad Ahmad, Joselin Marcciccio, Liam Askwith, Sarah Medeiros, Alina Protopopescu

Also Present: René Reid, Mark Weingartner, Rachelle Moore, Alex Lee, Nicolai Duffield

1. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

1.1 Graffiti Youth Forum planning - deferred

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

3.1 Approval of meeting minutes from November 2012 is deferred as the committee did not achieve quorum.

***HYAC currently has 25 members. Quorum would be 12 members plus 1 additional member for a total of 13 members in attendance at the meeting in order to approve minutes and to vote on committee matters.*

4. PRESENTATIONS

4.1 None.

4.2

5. DISCUSSION ITEMS

5.1 Attendance: Deferred

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) Daniel Paglia

(b) Ryan Markesic

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5.2 Raising the Roof Campaign: Lauren Hicks, Sherwood Secondary School, talked about the success her school has had so far supporting this campaign. Lauren said the toques sold quickly at her school and will enquire about selling more on HYAC's behalf. René said she could offer support by dropping off additional toques if they are able to sell them. Committee members did not take any to sell at this time.

5.3 HYAC's Year End Summary Report presented to E&CS

Committee December 10, 2012 by Camilo Sanchez: Several people who saw Camilo present commented favourably on his presentation style. Overall HYAC's presentation was well received. Additional feedback on this presentation and to the committee is captured in the next item.

5.4 HYAC's role as an advisory committee: Some of the constructive feedback given following HYAC's summary report focused on HYAC's lack of actual 'advisory' reports going forward to Council.

The committee discussed the most current issues/topics of interest adding the following points:

- Issues/topics need to be within our municipal scope to change.
 - Lack of volunteer opportunities related to Public Health Promotion
 - Better access to info about volunteer/job opportunities and the better linking of these services, fewer silos & more connections, Ahmad suggested HYAC could look into how they could do something about centralizing services
 - Outreach
 - Need to pick an issue/topic that one is passionate about
 - Think who, what, where, why
 - What have other advisory groups advised about?
- The topic areas agreed on:

- Poverty Initiatives
- Youth Mental Health(7)
- Student Friendly/Youth-friendly Downtown(0)

- Youth Opportunity(5)
- Recreational Poverty (i.e. playgrounds) (8)
- Youth-friendly spaces (i.e. youth centres, focus on other programming, resources (16)
- Transit for youth (8)

Committee members agree there may be some overlap. Youth-friendly spaces received the most votes. The overlap was discussed as something that could be addressed in separate paragraphs within the report.

Committee members will connect and plan a time to meet and begin researching the topic to produce a report.

Committee members broke off into interest working groups with leads. The lead for the transit was chosen to be Marten. The youth-friendly spaces was still being discussed, Fan seemed to have knowledge and had an interest in the topic.

5.5 Youth Week Hamilton Sub-committee provided an update and showed examples of the logo and t-shirt design. The bus pass proposal and the budget for next year was circulated. Sub-committee will meet Tuesday January 8th at 5 pm at the Lister Block.

6. GENERAL INFORMATION & OTHER BUSINESS

6.1 Mark mentioned getting committee input on a future report/policy that he and René will be working on involving youth consultation on City initiatives.

7. ADJOURNMENT

That, there being no further business, the meeting be adjourned at 6:45p.m.
Next meeting January 22, 2013.

(Khan/Kaas)