1. ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

(Logan/McKibbin)

2. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – 4/27/2010 (distributed in advance)

(Radman/Logan)

4. SAFE STREETS ACT AND STREET MUSICIANS – Special guest, Police Chief Glenn De Caire, to speak to Hamilton Police Service (HPS) approach to enforcement of Safe Streets Act

The AAC expressed concerns about the recent incidents with street performers/buskers being charged under the Safe Streets Act. Police Chief De Caire recognizes the importance of arts in the community, and stated that the HPS has no intention of preventing artists from performing in public. He stated that a busker who is in contravention of the Safe Streets Act will only be charged if they are refusing to relocate, are aggressive or have had
prior charges. HPS has recently created the Action Team in response to crime trends in the downtown. Forty officers in teams of eight will be dispersed throughout the city to prevent crime. Chief De Caire suggested that a permit program for buskers could be helpful in clarifying who is a legitimate busker.

**Motion:** THAT the Arts Advisory Commission requests Councillor McHattie to bring a motion forward to the Emergency and Community Services Committee directing Culture Division staff to explore municipal best practices in managing busking activity in public places, and to report back to E&CS on their findings.  
(Logan/ Randazzo-Beckett)

**Motion:** THAT the AAC seek to continue the dialogue started with Police Chief De Caire about the enforcement of the Safe Streets Act and its impact on street performers by exploring the possibility of holding a meeting between representatives of the Police Service and the busking community.  
(Randazzo-Beckett/Lane)

### 5. CHAIRS’ REPORT

Renee, Patti, Jennifer and Councillor McHattie met with Rose Caterini, City Clerk, to discuss the recruitment process for future AAC members. AAC concerns were brought forward, and Rose agreed to address them in developing the recruitment process for 2011.

### 6. BUSINESS ITEMS

#### 6.1. Our Community Culture project

**Action:** Presentation by Alice Sabourin, Senior Project Manager

Alice presented the outcomes of phase one of the Our Community Culture project to the AAC, highlighting the cultural map that was a key outcome of the project. The project is moving into phase two, which has two parts: the development of a vision for culture for Hamilton (involving community and stakeholder engagement); and the development of processes and partnerships that will enable ongoing up-to-date cultural mapping. The AAC recommended that Alice’s presentation should reflect greater diversity in terms of geography and cultural backgrounds.

#### 6.2. Commission composition and recruitment

**Action:** Review Terms of Reference for both the AAC and its sub-committees.
Given the amount of overlap between the two, it was agreed to combine the Education and Communications Sub-Committees, and to change the name to Community Engagement Sub-Committee. Terms of Reference will need to be completed for this Sub-Committee that reflect its dual nature of developing and disseminating content. Other sub-committees are:

- Arts Awards Sub-Committee (chaired by Karen)
- Community Partnership Program Review Sub-Committee (chaired by Patti)
- Funding Task Force (chaired by Renee).

Terms of reference need to be completed for all sub-committees, aligning with AAC’s workplan. Jennifer to map the structure against the AAC workplan.

Anne McLean indicated verbally to Jennifer that she does not plan to return to the AAC. Agreed to send her a letter thanking her for her contributions.

6.3. The Bigger Picture

**Action:** Update from Communications Sub-Committee.

The Bigger Picture is scheduled for Thursday June 24 at City Hall from 6pm-8:30pm. The Communications Sub-Committee presented an overview of the event. It was agreed to cap attendance at 100.

6.4. Moving the workplan forward

**Action:** Update on creation of funding task force. Update on meeting with Anna Bradford to explore possibilities for creating a new Arts Development position.

Community participation on the Task Force will be encouraged at the Bigger Picture. Terms of Reference is being developed by Karen. Renee will chair the Task Force.

Renee, Patti and Jennifer met with Anna Bradford to talk about establishing a new Arts Development position. A job description will be developed that will stress community development as a key aspect of the position.

7. ONGOING BUSINESS

7.1. AAC Website

**Action:** Determine next steps.

Discuss at a future AAC meeting.
7.2. Community Partnership Program

**Action:** Discuss next steps for review committee.

Patti and Jennifer to discuss how best to move this forward.

7.3. Public Art

**Action:** Written update from Ken Coit.

**Current Public Art Calls**
Three public arts calls are presently underway; James Street North, Hamilton Police Service Central Station, and Dundas Driving Park. The Response from artists has been very good to date. Over 50 artists attended the mandatory information meetings for the James Street North call. Approximately 20 artists attended each of the optional information meetings for the other two calls.

The competitions close in June through early July. Ken Coit will be contacting AAC members individually to ask for volunteers to sit on the juries for these projects over the next few weeks.

**Locke Street**
Simon Frank has marked the sidewalk with the proposed locations for the 60 bronze plaques that constitute his work “Concrete Poetry”. Public Works will be making sidewalks repairs before installation begins which at this point is planned for mid July.

**MacNab Street Pedestrian Underpass**
All arrangements have been finalized and the work to repair cracks in the wall and prepare the surface for painting have been completed. We expect the YMCW to be on site in the next 2-3 weeks paint the murals with youth volunteers.

**Other Projects**
Work continues on planning future possible public art calls for:
- The Market
- Battlefield Park
- James and Hunter Streets
- Q.E.W. Bridge/Redhill Valley Trials
- Queen and Main Streets
- City Hall

7.4. Updates
7.4.1.  95 King St. E. – Artist Live/Work Space Project

The project will go to Council in early June to secure the final funding allotment.

7.4.2.  Arts Awards Review

The recommendations of the review, as presented to the AAC, will go to Council for approval in June.

7.4.3.  Creative Cities Summit 2013

Staff entered a submission to host the Creative Cities Summit in 2013, a conference for municipal culture workers.

7.4.4.  Culture Days

This national initiative takes place on September 24-26, 2010. Arts Hamilton will take a lead in promoting this initiative but individual programs and initiatives must to register to participate.

7.4.5.  Art Events Update

Infrastructure funding was awarded to the Dundas Valley School of Arts.

8. ADJOURNMENT

(Randazzo-Beckett/Logan)

9. NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, June 15 at 5:45 p.m.
77 James St. N., Ste. 305

Upcoming topics:
Overview of CPP outcomes (deferred until approval of recommendations)
Review of Funding Task Force terms of reference