MINUTES
Hamilton Youth Advisory Committee
Tuesday, July 19, 2011
5:00 p.m.
Room CH264, 2nd Floor
City Hall
71 Main Street West, Hamilton

Present:  Chair:  (To be determined)
          Vice-Chair:  (To be determined)
          Members:  Alex Fiorello, Fan Yang, Alexander Ramirez, Lauren
          Hansen, Julie Ling Ma, Mikayla Zolis, David Boruch,
          Michael Pratas, Don Mahleka

Absent with
Regrets:  Councillor Jackson, Meg Chalmers, Natascha Del Prete, Jessika
          Del Prete, Fabian Ahmed, Zil Nasir, Mohammad Nasir, Bryan
          Padilla, Tina Huynh, Michelle Leach, Karen Trinh, Jennifer Little

Also Present:  Kelly Carr, CORE Coordinator, The CORE Centre, Hamilton
               Kyle & Nick, Youth Representatives, The CORE Centre, Hamilton
               Heather McCully, Youth Engagement Coordinator, Unfiltered
               Facts: Hamilton Crew for Action Against Tobacco, Public Health
               Services, Hamilton
               Camilo Sanchez, Intern, Unfiltered Facts: Hamilton Crew for
               Action Against Tobacco, Public Health Services, Hamilton
               Samantha Molinaro
               René Reid
               Mark Weingartner

1.  CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

2.  DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
    None were made

3.  APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

3.1  No revisions were required by those in attendance. Minutes were not
     approved as there was not quorum
4. PRESENTATIONS

4.1 Introductions – Attendees went around the table and introduced themselves

4.2 Presentation by Kelly, Kyle and Nick about The CORE (Community Organizations Reaching Everyone), a centre geared to youth ages 14-25+ who are working or at home and who have not completed high school. Based on community learning, youth are encouraged and supported as they work to obtain their high school diplomas in a non-traditional setting. CORE youth develop their own learning plan and then go on to share their new skills with their peers and various age groups in a variety of settings. With their individualized hands on and minds open approach to learning, youth are an integral part of the team ensuring their success and continued engagement in the community. Kyle shared a bit about his background with the group and exhibited his rapping acumen and highlighted some of the future opportunities coming his way. Nick, a computer expert, shared a bit about his background and is now a mentor to other youth at the centre. Both young men are now proud high school graduates!

4.3 Presentation by Heather McCully and Camilo Sanchez about the Unfiltered Facts Project: a youth advocacy team. Information was shared about the Healthy Living Divisional Youth Strategy and various youth led projects and initiatives. The Unfiltered Facts Project grew out of the work done by the Hamilton Crew for Action Against Tobacco that started in 2002 following the second Teen Tobacco Summit.

4.4 Presentation by Alex Ramirez, The Hamilton Students’ Community Initiatives (OPRIG McMaster), respecting the Jamesville Youth Engagement Initiative. Alex updated the committee on the significant amount of logistical and administrative components to the Jamesville Youth Engagement Initiative that has been completed thus far. Presentations to the Jamesville Community Planning Committee concerning this initiative were accepted and endorsed, while the Hamilton Association for Residential, Recreational Redevelopment Programs (HARRRP) has also endorsed the concept.

The Jamesville Youth Engagement Initiative’s current list of activity days scheduled for August include:

- August 2nd - Official Launch of Initiative with Inaugural BBQ @ the Jamesville Community Centre: 1-4PM.
- August (week of 8th and 15th) - Rock climbing and Recreation activities at McMaster facilities (Tentative)
- August (week of 8th and 15th) - Symphony Orchestra Preformance (Tentative)
- August 12th - Attending Jamesville Art Crawl
- August 19th - Hike/Bond Fire

From now until the next HYAC meeting, August 16, the group will be
finalizing the ground work for the second phase of the initiative - the Broad Consultation Process scheduled for September-November, and January.

4.5 Ice breaker/Team Building exercise (10 Minutes)

5. DISCUSSION ITEMS

5.1 What is youth engagement and how can we best engage youth?
5.2 National Youth Week May 1-7, 2012 & HYAC’s objectives and focus: How combining and collaboration can work to engage youth –All
5.3 HYAC Terms of Reference, Roles and Elections -Deferred

7. GENERAL INFORMATION & OTHER BUSINESS

7.1 Summer Magical Mystery Tours - Update
7.2 Meeting Evaluation and Feedback
7.3 Bus Tickets- Please see René for bus tickets if you do not have a bus pass

8. ADJOURNMENT

(Reid/Weingartner)
That, there being no further business, the meeting be adjourned at 7p.m.