The meeting was called to order at 8:05 a.m.

1. **Welcome and Introductions**

   Attendees introduced themselves.

2. **Round Table Updates**

   (a) **Patty Hayes, Ottawa St. BIA**

   Patty indicated that it has been a busy spring. There have been a number of changes in real estate over the last 8 weeks. There has been 16 changes which represents 14% of their membership.

   Patty indicated there is a new cell phone store, another store called “out of the basement” which has vintage movies. There is another called JMS Treasure Chest. Wrapping Room has moved from Locke to Ottawa Street North. They also have a custom cabinet maker.

   A Ottawa Street coffee shop was featured on the front page of the Spectator.

   Patty said they are gearing up for SewHungry.

   The first Tim Horton’s store has been sold back to the head office.

   Walmart is coming along. It is at Ottawa and Barton. Patty explained that a corner piece of the property is in the BIA but there are some problems with land assembly.

   Lynn pointed out that she had been recently reading an article that stated that Ottawa Street BIA is one of the top 5 places in Canada for antiques and congratulated Patty for that accomplishment.
(b) Shelly Wonch, Barton Village BIA
Shelly distributed, “The Village Connection” June 2012 Edition to the group.
Next week Shelly has a meeting with the president of the hospital.

They had a team clean up event April 28th.
The Hamilton Green Program has planted flowers.
They have an ice crème and crepe store.
There is a new age gallery, Infinite Inspirations, which has been in the BIA for a couple of months.
Shelly mentioned an empty lot that someone has purchased.
A number of people are taking advantage of the CPIG grants.
They have a gateway coming in August.

There is a lot of development. They have a new A& W.

(c) Leah Higens, Ancaster BIA
They have their new gateway.
There will be a cash mob this weekend. Leah explained that a cash mob is like a flash mob where a group of people meet and go to one business.
Films of Fieldcote will commence in August, they will have free films on Friday nights. The Farmer’s Market had coverage in the Spectator two weeks ago. First Ontario Credit Union will be opening.

The HABIA app will be up in perhaps 2 weeks. Darlyne indicated that Mike Marini asked that the official launch be in one BIA. He suggested that there be give-aways such as cookies. Darlyne suggested Ancaster BIA be the place to have the launch. The group agreed.

(d) Lynn Page, Concession St. BIA
Lynn indicated that there have been a couple of vacancies in Concession BIA. One building had a fire 4 years ago. They are getting that filled. They are doing a fall fest and planning for that.

3. Information Update Report

BIA By-law
There was discussion about the reference to the Procedure By-law respecting the number of board members that was required. It was requested that E. Maloney provide a review of the By-law at the August HABIA meeting.

4. Minutes of the meeting held on May 8, 2012 and June 12, 2012

It was MOVED by S, Wonch SECONDED by L. Higens that the minutes of the meetings held May 8, 2012 and June 12, 2012 be approved, CARRIED.

5. Mary Dilly, Path Employment Services
Mary Dilly distributed a handout about Path. She said that Path will be changing their name soon.
Path helps out adults with disabilities. Typically someone is on Ontario Works for 4-6 years. 96% of the people on Ontario Works have some type of disability.
Mary is putting on an annual campaign to raise funds and awareness. They
provide counselling services.

Mary has spoken with Maxine Carter who indicated that people with disabilities are going to Toronto. Mary said that she is trying to raise awareness about those businesses that have accessible parking, bathrooms etc. On May 29th they chose 3 places that have accessible features. Mary would like to get Tourism to tweet about those businesses that are trying to address the accessibility issues. She said that she would go to any BIA with her cameras to take photos of any business that had completed work to make the businesses more accessible to those that have disabilities.

Mary added that Path does the accessibility customer service training. The cost is about $90. March of Dimes does it as well.

6. Other Business

The group discussed the ‘Open for Business’ concept at City Hall and shared some challenges that their members have experienced. P. Hayes advised that she will be meeting with Al Fletcher from Municipal Law Enforcement and Kristin Huigenbos from the Small Business Enterprise Centre to discuss the concerns.

Future HABIA Guests

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Shannon McKie, Planning & Economic Development, Planning Section – Commercial & Mixed Use Zoning

Financial Documents

E. Maloney received the 2011 BIA financial documents from the Auditor and they have been brought to the meeting. L. Browett asked that the BIAs pick up their documents and sign the sheet confirming that they have done so prior to leaving the meeting.

7. The next meeting is scheduled for August 14, 2012 8:00 a.m. Room 264.

8. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

As recorded by D. Mills and L. Browett