PRESENT: Kerry Cranston, Chris Erl, David Gunton, Gord Jackson, Renee Wetselaar, Marlon Picken, Rob Brown

ALSO PRESENT: Maxine Carter, May-Marie Duwai-Sowa – Access & Equity Section, City of Hamilton

REGRETS: Jane Lee, Michelle Poirier, Deryck Glodon

1. WELCOME
Kerry assumed the role of Chair during Marlon’s absence at some periods during the meeting.

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST
None declared

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:
Four additional items were added under sections 6 and 7:
6.4 Space Subcommittee Update
7.1 New Logo for Advisory Committee
7.2 Jane’s updates to Council

(David/Rob)
That the LGBTQ Advisory Committee agenda for the May 16, 2013 meeting be approved, as circulated. CARRIED

4. DELEGATION/DISCUSSION:
None

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

(Renee/Chris)
That the minutes of the April 18, 2013 LGBTQ Advisory Committee meeting be approved, as amended. CARRIED
6. BUSINESS

6.1 Update: Safe-Talk Training
Kerry Cranston provided an update. This training was hosted by Public Health. Basically, a “how to have a conversation with someone you feel may be contemplating suicide.” It was good information although it had little real queer content. The facilitator may have needed to be trained in this area. There was a suggestion that the training should be presented to the broader community but it needs more content regarding the queer community first.

6.2 Update: Meeting re Public Health Presentation
Renee, David and Kerry to present Suicide Prevention report to Council. Renee will speak on behalf of Committee, with David & Kerry in attendance for questions.

Renee provided an overview of the presentation to committee and received feedback.

Renee to make revisions to the presentation and email to committee for final review.

(Renee/David)
To approve, in principle, the presentation respecting the Suicide Prevention report that will be presented to the Board of Health with the understanding that Renee will make minor changes and tweaking to finalize such presentation, as discussed at the meeting.

That the revised presentation to be forwarded to LGBTQ Advisory Committee members prior to the report being converted to City of Hamilton approved format.

CARRIED

6.3 Planning for PRIDE
Committee was informed that the Well has postponed its PRIDE event until tentatively July 20 due to logistical and funding constraints.

Committee agreed to proceed with plans for the Flag Raising event. Committee will also compile a listing of PRIDE events
and distribute to the larger LGBTQ communities and groups. Kerry Cranston to populate the list and disseminate. Chris will help with poster design.

Renee & Chris working on LGBTQ display at City Hall. Will draft letter to community members/groups requesting items to borrow for display.

Committee is willing to support the Well in efforts to secure bridge funding. Chair to contact Jay Adams at the Well to discuss bridge funding options, as well as putting out a joint communication/press release letting the community know that PRIDE is postponed but grassroots events will still proceed as scheduled, in an effort to show solidarity and ease confusion within the community.

**With respect to Flag Raising event:**

The date of the Flag raising is Monday June 10th and the theme, “Pride 365”. Chris Erl to develop and send flyer to May-Marie for dissemination.

Event speakers to be invited to speak as follows:
Mayor Bob Bratina (confirmed)
Jason Farr
one WELL board member
LGBTQ Advisory Committee Chair
Space Steering Committee
Women & Liminal Committee
Hamilton Positive Space Collaborative
Trans Peer Support Group rep
RADAR youth group rep (requesting a student from a Catholic School or a youth no longer in school to hear the voice of youth who don’t have access to HWDSB positive space)
* committee asked to be aware of possible lack of diversity/gender balance in speaker list

Each speaker is assigned 3 minutes to speak.

May-Marie Duwai-Sowa will draft and send invitation letters
Marlon Picken will send an invitation to The Well.
May-Marie Duwai-Sowa to order ice cream cake and non-ice cream cake, tea and coffee for the event. Facilities to provide water. Confirm sound system and flags. Update: Michelle from Advisory restated her availability to assist with event co-ordination as needed.

Committee agreed to hold off on ordering swag until the committee logo is approved.

6.4 LGBTQ Space Subcommittee
Kerry Cranston agreed to act as the LGBTQ Advisory Committee liaison on the Well’s needs assessment project.

(Renee/David)
That Kerry Cranston act as the liaison representing the LGBTQ Advisory Committee on the Well’s Needs Assessment project. CARRIED

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1 (Gord/David)
That the LGBTQ Advisory Committee accept the secondary logo Chris designed. Committee members have voted on via email prior to meeting. CARRIED

7.2. Committee agreed to Jane Lee’s proposal to provide update reports to Council as progress is made on the space project/recommendation.

8. INFORMATION SHARING

9. ADJOURNMENT
On motion, the meeting adjourned.