Present: Chair: Alex Ramirez  
Vice-Chair: Medora Uppal  
Members: Carmen Salciccioli, Scott Jones Anne Wilson, Denise Arkell,  

Absent with Regrets: Fernando Forero, Maria Christina Pelaez; Don Jaffray, Larry Huibers, Thayra Marting, Katherine Kalinowski, Erika Reid and Laura Workman  

Also Present: Greg Witt, Policy Analyst and Michele Attard (minute taker), Program Secretary/Housing Services Division; Carolin Anderson, Program Manager/Employment and Income Support Division  

Guests: Paul Gregory and Alison Kooistra (Paul Dowling Consulting)  

1. WELCOME  
   Alex welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending.  

2. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA  
   None  

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST  
   None  

4. Minutes not approved  
   Approval of minutes for February 14, 2013 meeting (quorum not met for this meeting)
5. Discussion Items

5.1 Paul Dowling Consultants Day Services Review 2013
Alison and Paul asked members where they thought would be the best
place for Homeless people to go during the day?
Alison read their definition of Day Services – “A space that allows people
to come in without an appointment of application and spend time
socializing, meeting their basic needs, and, at their own discretion, access
specialized services designed to meet the needs of people who are
homeless are at risk of losing their housing. These ‘services’ can include,
but are not limited to; drop-in/day programs, therapeutic programs,
recreational programming, shelter services, religious outreach and meal
programs.”
The following was discussed:
- Churches, some have lunch programs one day a month
- Rec Centres, many of them are not being used during the day,
  possibly give out day passes
- Include Developmental Services for meaningful activities, possibly
  have free workshops
- What about ER diversion, some homeless people are going there
  when it is not necessary

6. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

6.1 Work Plan for FSAC for 2013 - Priorities
There was discussion around the priorities for this committee; the
following three priorities were set for the work plan:
1) Linkages with the City Food Strategy, the Food Charter
2) New HSB funding, endorse the extension of funding from June to
   December 2013
3) CHPI Review, how can this committee help with this initiative

Greg mentioned that the Homelessness Team is working on a
Consultation Strategy for the CHPI Review. This will include consultations
with the community and individual interviews with people with lived
experience. There is also a “Public Talk” being held in partnership with
the Street Youth Planning Collaborative, SPRC and the Affordable
Housing Flagship on April 24th for folks in the community.

7 INFORMATION AND OTHER BUSINESS

7.1 Follow up on Casino Discussion
There were no updates; members would like to discuss this matter if it
becomes an issue at a future meeting.
7.2 Follow up on Member Survey
Alex thanked everyone for completing the survey. Alex reviewed the survey from 8 of the members:
- 7 out of 8 members liked the current location of Neighbour to Neighbour
- 7 out of 8 members thought that the current time was convenient
- Some of the members thought that to help with facilitation of meetings; have a clear identification of targets, have an agenda with a max of 3 items for debate, sometimes agenda is crowded.

7.3 Updates from Committee Members
Denise mentioned that the EFS Committee are working on the Emergency Food Strategic Plan and will give any updates at future meeting.

Medora updated members of the Report Card being developed by WAG, they are in Phase I, assessing the scope and being Hamilton specific, it should be launched in 2014.

8 ADJOURNMENT
Meeting adjourned at 3:50.