1. ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

   Moved: Patti Beckett   Seconded: Josefa Radman

2. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST – Nancy Gray disclosed her role on the board of the Carnegie Gallery and with the Dundas Arts Community Foundation, in conjunction with item 5.8.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – 7/27/2010 (distributed in advance) amendments

   Moved: Eli Tshibwabwa   Seconded: Anne Cibola

4. CHAIRS’ REPORT

   The chairs’ monthly meeting with Councillor McHattie was cancelled due to scheduling conflicts. The Chairs met with Councillor Powers and Councillor McHattie to discuss the AAC’s issues with the CPP program.
5. BUSINESS ITEMS

5.1. Consultation with the arts community regarding the Creative Catalyst Project

Jacqueline Norton shared her plans to hold a public information session about the Creative Catalyst project in early November, in response to concerns voiced by members of the arts community. It will be a facilitated session – the AAC recommended Faye Booker as a suitable facilitator.

Discussion about the session focused on the following points:
- The importance of dialogue – calling it an info session may not promote true dialogue
- The need to clearly define who the project is intended to engage and how
- The need to address the potential benefits for the arts community
- The need to address and clarify governance issues – who owns this project?
- The need to clearly delineate the content of the project from the process used to develop it
- The need to acknowledge the history of municipal underfunding of the not-for-profit cultural sector, and the role it plays in creating a sense of inequity now
- The importance of language, and using language that is understood within the arts community
- The need to define the role of the Imperial Cotton Centre for the Arts in the project
- The need to apply an inclusion lens to the project to ensure access and equity

5.2. Funding Task Force

The first draft of the terms of reference did not accurately address the intent of the Funding Task Force. Renee and Patti will revise the terms for discussion at the next meeting.

The Chairs met with Councillors Powers and McHattie to present the concerns articulated by the AAC about the CPP program. Councillor Powers indicated that a staff-led review of the CPP program will take place. The Chairs will attend the next Grants Sub-Committee meeting on September 16 as observers.
5.3. Presentation to Emergency and Community Services Committee on September 22

Karen provided an initial draft of the presentation. Renee and Jennifer will make further amendments for submission to E&CS.

5.4. Mandate and terms of reference for AAC

Jennifer provided a draft amended mandate and terms of reference for review and approval.

**MOTION:** That the mandate and terms of reference be approved as presented.
**MOVED:** Josefa Radman **SECONDED:** Patti Beckett

5.5. Arts Awards Steering Committee

Guidelines for the development of the Steering Committee were distributed and discussed. It was agreed that 3 of the 7 members should preferably be practising artists. It was also agreed that a diversity lens needs to be applied to the selection of candidates.

**MOTION:** That the distributed guidelines be approved, with the addition of the word “preferably” in the point that reads “At least 3 of 7 Committee members to be practising artists”
**MOVED:** Anne Cibola **SECONDED:** Nancy Gray

5.6. Overview of connections between the arts community and the City of Hamilton

Tabled to the next meeting

5.7. AAC workplan/AAC committee structure

Tabled to the next meeting

5.8. City funding request from the Dundas Arts Foundation

The Dundas Arts Community Foundation submitted a request to the City, which was granted, for a $2.45 million grant to match a recently received federal infrastructure grant to renovate the Dundas Valley School of Art. Originally, the DACF sought funding from the Future Fund, but the Fund was not entertaining funding proposals. Without the matching funds from the City, the federal funds would have been forfeited.
The AAC questioned the process by which these funds were made available. Jennifer stated that the Culture Division had not been consulted by the Finance Division in the preparation of the recommendations to Council. When the DACF submitted its infrastructure funding request to the federal government, the Culture Division was told that any statements of support by the City for the applications were not meant to be construed as commitments for matching funding.

This will be discussed further at the next AAC meeting.

6. ONGOING BUSINESS

6.1. AAC Website

The minutes from the August 18 Communications Sub-Committee meeting were received and discussed. The AAC will share a table with the Public Art Program at SuperCrawl with a focus on AAC recruitment.

**MOTION:** To accept the minutes of the August 18 Communications Sub-Committee.

**MOVED:** Patti Beckett  
**SECONDED:** Josefa Radman

6.2. Commission composition and recruitment

Tabled to the next meeting

6.3. Public Art

Written update provided and received.

6.4. Updates

Tabled to the next meeting

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1. Actions Speak Louder Conference – tabled

7.2. Congrats to Gary on his impending retirement

8. ADJOURNMENT

**Moved:** Patti Beckett

9. NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, September 28 at 5:45 p.m.

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