Minutes
Hamilton Youth Advisory Committee

Tuesday November 17, 2009
McMaster University Centre for Continuing Education, Downtown Centre
50 Main St E. 2nd Floor, Room # 240
5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Present:
Goce Dimitrioski, Fan Yang, Katrina Schotsman, Tahiya Bakht, Michelle Leach, Fatime Sadeq

Absent with Regrets:
Mike Muller, Aman-Preet Randhawa, Corey Beaudoin, Laura Brown, Matt Terry, Ben Konyi, Anda Wang

Also Present:
Edward Lee, René Reid, Mark Weingartner

1. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA
   6.3 Various event updates
   6.4 H1N1 Clinic updates
   6.5 Lister Block
   6.6 Guest Speaker on the status of Poverty in Hamilton
   6.7 Citizen Committee Report for November 18th 2009

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
   None were identified.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING
   3.1 HYAC Meeting Minutes, October 9th, 2009
   Hamilton Youth Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes, dated Tuesday October 20, 2009, were approved as presented.
   (Bakht/Sadeq)

   CARRIED

4. PRESENTATIONS
   4.1 Icebreaker (5-10 Minutes)
      • Deferred
4.2 Youth Poverty & Homelessness Presentation – A status update

- Youth working on the project provided a basic overview of the status of the project so far with some revisions and approaches. All agreed the final would be presented in January.

5. DISCUSSION ITEMS

5.1 Website: Information and estimate update/recommendations – René & Mark

- The proposal prepared by fpm3.com was presented to the group.
- fpm3.com provided HYAC with a thorough estimate of the cost of a website with various configurations/features.
- Present HYAC members viewed parts of the proposal and discussed their options.
- It was agreed to arrange to meet with fpm3.com representatives as soon as possible to start moving forward with the website design.
- René will forward a PDF copy of fpm3.com’s proposal to the membership for individual consideration.

5.2 Logo drafts for group consultation/feedback - Fan

New logo designed by Fatime

- Group members in attendance once again viewed the logo designs that had been created and a discussion took place.
- As Quorum for this meeting was met, it was decided that a final vote would take place by having attending members place a check-mark beside the logo they felt best represented the committee.
- Each committee member was permitted to use three check-marks in total. The top three designs were selected based on the number of check-marks it received.
- It was decided by the committee that these logo designs would be forwarded to fpm3.com to look at and possibly modify to go with the look of the website. René will forward copies of the selected logos to fpm3.com for their consideration and proposal.

5.3 Establishing consistent work group meeting times (Wednesdays 5:00 pm) or meeting more frequently/bi-weekly - Tahiya & Fatime/All

- Various options were explored and discussed by the group regarding the establishment of additional formal meetings and designated ‘work group’ nights and times.
- The group acknowledged there has been ongoing challenges for HYAC youth members to commit to scheduled meeting dates and times due to competing priorities.
- Committee members have agreed to look at their schedules strategically during the last weeks of 2009 in order to wrap-up some outstanding initiatives.
- All committee members are to come to the next meeting prepared to identify
a weekday evening for 2010 they can commit to attending on a regular basis.

5.4 HYAC booth @ Annual Teen Tobacco Summit & Party in the Right Spirit taking place November 26th '09 – Tahiya, Fatime & Michelle (René)

- Tahiya, Fatime and Michelle demonstrated the trivia wheel they will be taking to the Unfiltered Facts Summit November 26th being held at Michelangelo’s Banquet Centre.
- The Teen Tobacco Summit and Party in the Right Spirit Committees have joined forces to expose the Unfiltered Facts. This Summit will feature expert keynote speakers, youth facilitators, a youth-friendly atmosphere, and tons of fun! Students and teachers can expect to leave the event feeling empowered, inspired, and motivated. The Summit will arm participants with the information, ideas and tools they need to tackle issues that affect youth in their school community. Youth will have opportunity to choose workshops and focus on their area of interest.
- HYAC members will be hosting a booth display in the Marketplace. Displays will be viewed during registration, break, and lunch. As well, HYAC members will partake in the sessions throughout the day.
- René provided parental and school principal consent forms to the members who will be attending.

5.5 Youth-Friendly Community Award Ceremony update – Katie & Ben (Corey)

- Katie provided a brief update about the Youth-Friendly Community Award Ceremony.
- Further details about this initiative and additional youth-friendly communities can be found at: http://playworkspartnership.ca

5.6 Promotional HYAC flyer/brochure - status update on the content to be created – Matt

- Deferred

6. GENERAL INFORMATION & OTHER BUSINESS

6.1. Holiday Social get-together for December – All

- Group discussed tentative ideas as to what they would like to do for a Holiday social
- An email is to be circulated by the HYAC Chairs with various options, dates and times

6.2. Meeting Evaluation and Feedback – All

- 5 evaluations were turned in
- Overall response was positive with participants identifying they learned new information, liked the location or another downtown venue, they learned about ‘Quorum’, and liked having professional looking name cards.
- Suggested areas for improvement were better attendance at meetings by group members and including egg salad in the sandwich menu
6.3. Loose ends & up dates
• René followed-up with the group on the following events/initiatives:
  ▪ Election Rebate Survey forwarded by Eddie – one youth participated (Goce)
  ▪ Upcoming events being held by the Hamilton Youth Arts Network – Urban Interventions Nov. 20th 7-10:30pm & Show & Tell Nov. 18th 5-7pm
  ▪ Making Hamilton More Walkable Public Meeting – Nov. 5th – No one from HYAC was able to attend
  ▪ Youth Engagement Network Brown Bag Lunch Tuesday Dec. 8th 12-1:30pm
  ▪ Unveiling of the Draft Equity and Inclusion Policy Oct. 29 & Nov. 2 - No one from HYAC was able to attend
  ▪ Mayor’s Haunted House Party - No one from HYAC was able to attend

6.4. H1N1 Clinic
• Eddie updated the group on the status of the public clinics.
• René sent out the schedule to group members following the meeting

6.5. Current Lister Block photos
• Eddie informed the group that there are up to date photos of the interior of the Lister Block on the Mayor’s FaceBook

6.6. Poverty in Hamilton
• Fan informed the group about a guest speaker coming to Mac to talk about the status of poverty in Hamilton and provided the following information:

  Homelessness and Poverty: A Health Care Provider’s Point of View
  Registered Nurse John Lewis will be talking about the challenges of working with the homeless population in Hamilton and the reasons for the existence of poverty.
  Thursday Nov. 19th 5:30-6:30pm
  McMaster University MDCL3022
  Free

• It was suggested by some group members that it would be a good idea for the members working on the Youth Homelessness and Poverty project/presentation to attend this talk.

6.7 Citizen Committee Report for November 18th 2009
• Katie Schotsman provided the group with a run-through of the report.
• Group members provided feedback

6.8. Next meeting location and time
• To be determined based on availability of meeting space, accessibility and member input
• Will be communicated on the next agenda.
7. ADJOURNMENT
   (Bakht/Sadeq)
   ▪ There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7pm.

   **CARRIED**