Minutes
Hamilton Youth Advisory Committee
Tuesday January 19, 2010
Lazer Mania @ 865 Upper James Street, Hamilton
5:30pm – 8:30pm

Present: Goce Dimitrioski, Ben Konyi, Michelle Leach, Fan Yang, Katrina Schotsman
Absent with Regrets: Tahiya Bakht, Edward Lee, Aman-Preet, Fatime Sadeq, Matt Terry, Anda Wang
Also Present: Corey Beaudoin, René Reid, Mark Weingartner

1. Arrival @ Lazer Mania, mix and mingle, determine teams
2. Team-building Activity: Lazer Tag
3. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA
   ▪ Added item 8.3
4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING
   (Dimitrioski/Yang)

Hamilton Youth Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes, dated Tuesday November 17, 2009 & Tuesday December 15th, 2009, were approved as presented.

CARRIED

6. PRESENTATIONS
   6.1 Youth Poverty and Homelessness Project & determining who will present to Council (all)
   ▪ Copies of the PowerPoint presentation with speaker’s notes were distributed to the group for feedback
• Fan and Goce both identified that they would like to make the presentation to council
• Mark to send out due dates for presentation to be into Clerks
• Final tweaking of the presentation to be done this week
• René & Mark both available to assist presenter with a few run-throughs of the presentation prior to going to council

6.2 HYAC’s Year End Debrief *(René/all)*
• Deferred

7. DISCUSSION ITEMS

7.1 New HYAC Monthly Calendars *(René/all)*
• Group agreed they like the monthly calendars René has started making for HYAC specific items
• Mark added that the calendars are like a HYAC monthly newsletter
• René invited contributions for the monthly calendar from the youth

7.2 HYAC Website and Logo status update *(all)*
• The group again viewed the selected graphic that will be used to inspire the website mock-ups that are due shortly
• All seemed happy with the choice of graphic, colour etc.

7.3 HYAC’s plans for 2010
• A discussion took place about HYAC’s objectives for 2010
• No specific items were identified at this time, mainly due to time constraints
• Ultimately, the group decided to go back and consult with their peers about issues they feel passionate about and then come back to the next meet prepared with five viable possibilities
• René is collecting local newsworthy items from various media sources and will compile them for use in any future research

8. GENERAL INFORMATION & OTHER BUSINESS

8.1 Leadership Quest 2010 *(René, Katie and Goce)*
• The group was brought up to speed on the status of the collaboration between HYAC and HCAAT
• Leadership Quest takes place over three days and involves students from across the city.

8.2 Influencing Public Policy Training *(René)*
• Youth Advocacy Training Institute training is set to go
• Still trying to secure a venue
• Training is for up to 25 youth
• HYAC will have first opportunity for the training and then other youth
groups/individuals will be permitted to register
  • René to send out the info on registration shortly

8.3  **Spring Clean-up Week & partnering with Public Works (Mark & René)**
  • Basic Information about this event was shared with the group
  • HYAC is interested in collaborating on this initiative
  • More details to be provided at next meeting

8.4  **Next meeting location and time**

  Our next meeting with HYAC will be Tuesday February 16, 4:45-7:30pm at McMaster University Centre for Continuing Education (Downtown Centre), 50 Main St E. 2nd Floor, Room # 240.

9.  **Second round of Team-building Activity: Lazer Tag**

10.  **ADJOURNMENT(Schotsman/Leach)**

  There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.

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