1. ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA
   (Logan/Cibola)

2. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

   None

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – 2/23/2010 (distributed in advance)
   Approved

4. BUSINESS ITEMS

   4.1. Commission composition and recruitment

   **Action:** Discussion of Sky Gilbert’s resignation.
   Discussion of terms of office and members’ intentions.
   Discussion of AAC input for changes to the recruitment process.
Renee met with Sky to discuss his resignation. Sky was invited to provide feedback in writing about his thoughts about the AAC.

Members who have completed their maximum number of terms at the end of this year are: Renee, Gary, and Nancy. Other members need to consider whether they plan to reapply.

A summary of suggested changes to the volunteer committee recruitment process was reviewed. Increasing awareness of the recruitment initiative in appropriate publications (such as H Mag) will be added to the summary. These suggested changes will be forwarded to the Clerks Department for consideration in their review of the recruitment process. Councillor McHattie will assist with this.

Need to have the right mix of people on the AAC for it to work well. Includes: people involved in the arts, people not directly involved in the arts, people with lots of experience, people with less experience but a genuine interest.

**Motion:** THAT the AAC will develop interview questions for the recruitment of new AAC members at the next meeting.

(Lane/Logan)

**4.2. Safe Streets Act and Street Musicians**

**Action:** Discussion and resolution about how to move forward.

The Police Chief and/or Deputy will be invited to attend an AAC meeting regarding this issue. Councillor McHattie will facilitate this. Forward the Safe Streets Act to the AAC in advance of the meeting.

**4.3. 95 King St. E. – Artist Live/Work Space Project**

Nothing further to report, awaiting council approval for the remainder of the funding.

**4.4. Arts Awards Review**

**Action:** Presentation by Jeremy Freiburger. Approval of recommendations by AAC.

Jeremy Freiburger presented an overview of the proposed Arts Awards Program for discussion. Summary of feedback:

**Mission statement** - is too long and should be broken up into mission, vision and values.
Established Artist – Artistic Achievement Awards – AAC recommends that artistic merit needs to be a more significant component of the evaluation. This will be discussed further at the upcoming steering committee meeting.

Emerging Artists Awards
Youth arts should also be part of the awards program, recognizing the energy and excitement of youth in the arts. Involve the schools as a way of encouraging young artists.

Award Elements
It is important that the Lifetime Achievement Award winner receive a monetary award.

Event Plan
There is opportunity to showcase local chefs or ethnic fare and to showcase local artists. Include all communities in this process (Dundas, Ancaster, Stoney Creek, etc), not just Hamilton.

Timeline
The AAC embraced the idea of moving the event to spring as it would provide more time to engage the community.

Motion: THAT the proposed Arts Awards program be accepted as a work in progress, with additional work required to resolve the issue of how to recognize artistic achievement and to develop a budget for the event. (Logan/Lane)

4.5. Arts and Artists Forum

Action: Communications Sub-Committee to present a proposal regarding the May follow up session for AAC approval.

Nothing to report but committee is meeting April 1st. Anne will present to Emergency and Community Services Committee about the Big Picture Revisited on April 7th.

5. ONGOING BUSINESS

5.1. Community Partnership Program

Action: Verbal update from Jennifer Kaye. Establishment of a sub-committee to review CPP guidelines, process and eligibility requirements, including submission of 2 or more applications from one organization and review of heritage applications.
Jennifer advised that the CPP grant recommendations will go forward to the Audit and Administration Committee on May 5, and to Council on May 12.

5.2. Public Art

**Action:** Written update from Ken Coit.

This report outlines the status of the currently active public art projects.

1. MacNab Street Pedestrian Underpass Youth Mural

Arrangements have been finalized with the YMCA who will be implementing the project. We are presently awaiting the approval of the Canadian Pacific Railway as they are owners of part of the structure of the underpass. The project is presently scheduled to be completed this June.

2. Police Station Public Art Project

RFP is completed and waiting to be issued with two other projects. Currents plans call for issue of the RFP the second week of April

3. James Street North Public Art Project

Permission is now in place from other city departments to issue a unique RFP for this project that targets young and emerging artists with mentoring opportunities. Staff is presently making arrangements to hire a design firm to act as mentors to the artists and to complete a new and shorter call for proposal document. Currents plans call for issue of the RFP the second week of April

4. Dundas Driving Park

Staff is currently preparing the RFP for this project. Currents plans call for issue of the RFP the second week of April

Public Art Juries

Ken Coit will be approaching individual members of the Art Advisory Commission to ask them to volunteer on the juries for these 3 projects. As purchasing requires that jury members names remain confidential until such time a project is successfully awarded each member will be approached individually.
5.3. Updates

5.3.1. Meeting with Arts Hamilton – will take place on April 13 to talk about the outcomes of the Big Picture Revisited

5.3.2. Art Events Update – Information was shared about upcoming events.

6. NEW BUSINESS

Brian Lane requested that the following items be put on the next agenda:
HECFI – Entertainment Tax
Sky Dragon Centre
McMaster’s Art History Program

7. ADJOURNMENT

(Logan/McKibbin)

8. NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, April 27 at 5:15 p.m.
77 James St. N., Ste. 305

Upcoming topics:
Presentation about OCC Project
Overview of CPP outcomes (deferred until approval of recommendations)