The meeting was called to order.

1. **CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 1)**

   The Clerk noted the following change, which was approved.

   (i) **Added as Item 4.2 – Correspondence from Mr. Brian Henley respecting the web site www.hamiltonheritage.info/about.htm**

   *(Manson/Hartnett)*

   That the agenda be approved, as amended.  
   **CARRIED**

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 2)**

   There were none declared.
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (Item 3)

(Wray/French)
That the Hamilton LACAC (Municipal Heritage Committee) meeting Minutes, dated June 22, 2006 be approved, as amended.
CARRIED

4. DISCUSSION ITEMS (Item 4)

4.1 Withdrawal of Request to Designate 302 14th Concession Road East, Hamilton (in the former Town of Flamborough)

The owners of the property at 302 14th Concession Road East, Hamilton (in the former Town of Flamborough) have decided not to have their residence designated as a heritage property.

(Manson/Wray)
That staff be directed to not undertake a Cultural Heritage Assessment of 302 14th Concession Road East, Hamilton (former Town of Flamborough).
CARRIED

4.2 Correspondence from Mr. Brian Henley respecting the web site www.hamiltonheritage.info/about.htm

Paul Shaker spoke with reference to the web site and Mr. Henley's concerns. P. Shaker confirmed that it is not associated with the City of Hamilton or the Hamilton LACAC (Municipal Heritage Committee) and provides general information to the public.

The Clerk advised P. Shaker that after discussion with staff of the City of Hamilton Legal Services Division, it was requested that the disclaimer on the web site be more prominent.

The Clerk also requested that under the web site’s “Contact Information” Section – that her name be added to the mailing address for the Hamilton LACAC (Municipal Heritage Committee) at 71 Main Street West, 2nd Floor, etc. in order that mail to the Committee be directed properly.

5. GENERAL INFORMATION (Item 5)

5.1 562 Dundas Street East, Waterdown (Verbal Update - Meghan House)

M. House informed the Committee that staff has completed the site visit of the property, and is in the process of completing their assessment of the property's cultural heritage value. A report should be forthcoming to the August 24th Committee meeting.
5.2 Hamilton's Heritage Volume 7: Inventory of Places of Worship – Page Layout (S. Wray/M. House)

A sample copy of the page layout for Hamilton’s Heritage Volume 7: Inventory of Places of Worship was provided for the Committee’s information.

5.3 Endangered Buildings and Landscapes:

(a) Victoria Hall, 68 King Street East (NHS, D) – P. Shaker

D. Dent stated that she had received a call from Paul Wilson, but had not been able to return his call as of yet.

S. Vattay has been working with the owner with respects to the proposed renovations, which will be brought forward as a Heritage Permit in the near future. S. Vattay will also be meeting with the owner, and the federally appointed official from Parks Canada, the week after next, respecting the owner’s application for The Commercial Heritage Properties Incentive Fund under the Historic Places Initiative. The applicant must meet the federal guidelines in order for a grant to be provided through this initiative.

A recommendation from staff respecting the applicant’s CHIRP application should be coming to the August Committee meeting.

(b) Treble Hall, 6-12 John Street North, Hamilton (L) – Councillor B. McHattie

D. Dent noted that she has received two or three calls from people who are asking what the Hamilton LACAC (Municipal Heritage Committee) is doing with respect to the preservation of Treble Hall.

Councillor McHattie noted that although there was no new information to provide to the Committee, that the Downtown Renewal Division is monitoring the building and is looking for opportunities. Councillor McHattie stated that the owner might still be interested in selling, but the price may be too high and there has been no recent interest. The owner of Treble Hall has an appeal before the Ontario Municipal Board respecting the City’s application to build a parking lot at the rear of the adjacent King Street East property.

Councillor McHattie agreed to check with the Co-ordinator of Downtown Municipal Incentives regarding the asking price for Treble Hall.
(c) **Red Hill Creek Valley, Hamilton (L, ND) – Councillor M. Pearson**

No update at this time.

(d) **Lister Block, 28-40 James Street North, Hamilton (D) – D. Dent**

(i) Ministry of Culture News Release respecting Community-based Working Group to Advise on Lister Block, dated July 11, 2006

(ii) **INFORMATION ONLY** – Correspondence from Councillor B. McHattie to Ontario Municipal Heritage Committees regarding the new *Ontario Heritage Act* provisions with respect to the Lister Block, dated July 1, 2006

Bill Manson requested that he would like records to show that he is of the opinion that there is “no irony” in the appointment of Councillor Pearson to the Lister Block Working Group.

Councillor McHattie also noted that he did not feel that Councillor Pearson was representing the Committee’s decision to the Lister Block Working Group. Hamilton LACAC (Municipal Heritage Committee) members are concerned with the representation on the Working Group and some feel that it is “extremely inappropriate” that Councillor Pearson represent the Hamilton LACAC (Municipal Heritage Committee) with respect to Lister Block.

**(Shaker/Neufeld)**

That Councillor M. Pearson be requested to clarify to the Lister Block Working Group that she does not represent the opinions of the Hamilton LACAC (Municipal Heritage Committee) with respect to Lister Block.

**CARRIED**

A. Denham asked if additional security has been put into place at the Lister Block at this time.

D. Cuming reiterated to the Committee that the Lister Block is not owned by the City, but is private property owned by LIUNA. The City is only able to enforce the Property Standards By-law, when applicable.

D. Dent stated that the former City had requested that the Lister Block be considered as a national historic site. However, the Province did not consider the Lister Block a national historic site at that time, as the previous owner did not allow access into building.
(Denham/McHattie)
(a) That LIUNA be particularly vigilant in preventing illegal entry at the Lister Block.

(b) That Property Standards continue to be vigilant to Lister Block with respect to opportunities for illegal entry at the Lister Block.

CARRIED

(e) Auchmar, 88 Fennell Avenue West, Hamilton (D) – D. Dent

Nothing has changed since the June 2006 meeting. Staff of the Heritage and Urban Design group has prepared design concepts that are currently under review by D. Cuming. Staff has also received a copy of a report from the Manager of Culture, prepared by ERA Consultants respecting maintenance and longer term care of the Auchmar Estate. Staff is hoping to report back to Committee in August.

(f) Gate House at Auchmar, 71 Claremont Drive, Hamilton – M. Stark

Councillor McHattie spoke to A. Bradford, Manager of Culture, respecting both the former Auchmar Gate House and has obtained information on the black history of the estate. Councillor McHattie would like the Committee to approach the Minister with this information to determine if the Province has interest in Auchmar becoming a National Historic site.

The Clerk reminded members of the Hamilton LACAC (Municipal Heritage Committee) that any correspondence to outside parties must be processed through the proper procedures; specifically noting in this case, that any correspondence to a Minister must be approved by Council and signed by the Mayor on behalf of Council, prior to being sent.

The Gate House still appears to be in some disrepair, and it looks as though a tree on the property could fall onto the Gate House.

(Stark/Charlton)
A. Charlton to contact the owner to see if he is willing meet with her and Michelle Stark to discuss the condition of the Gate House and the importance of the house and its relationship to Auchmar.

CARRIED
(g) **Smart-Turner Building, 191 Barton Street E. (ND, L) – D. Dent**

This item is scheduled to go to the Planning and Economic Development Committee in September.

(h) **St. Mark’s, 120 Bay Street South, Hamilton (D) – D. Dent**

(i) Update Memo from David Cuming, dated July 18, 2006.

(i) **Tivoli, 108 James Street North, Hamilton – Councillor B. McHattie**

No update

(j) **Adam Book House, 167 Book Road East, Ancaster – A. Charlton**

The Adam Book House was recently vandalized. Subsequently, A. Charlton spoke to Catholic Dioceses of Hamilton and was ensured that the building would be secured.

**Book House Cemetery** – is not in great shape, but is stable.

(k) **2 Hatt Street, Dundas – F. Neufeld**

The owners have not boarded the windows and you are still able to see into building. However, the flower beds are done up and a horse drawn wagon is decoratively set out; possibly for filming purposes.

5.4 **Correspondence from the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB), dated June 20, 2006, respecting the Heritage Permit Application Appeal for 31 Cross Street, Hamilton, Ontario**

D. Cuming explained the OMB process briefly to the committee for information purposes.

F. Neufeld asked staff to inform her or Donna Lavin of any info respecting the Ontario Municipal Board hearing regarding 31 Cross Street.
5.5 Approved Heritage Permit Application for 70 James Street South, Hamilton, Ontario (St. Paul’s Presbyterian Church) (Ward 2)

Gate necessary for protection of building and does not affect the heritage portions of the building.

5.6 Willowbank School of Restoration Art (www.willowbankschool@bellnet.ca)

D. Dent provided copies of a brochure for the Willowbank School of Restoration Art, in Queenston, to members of Committee who may be interested in attending the Harvest Moon Fundraiser, which is to take place on Saturday, September 9, 2006. Cost is $75 per person.

Members interested in attending are to contact D. Dent directly who will make arrangements for a table.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

6.1 Vasco da Gama Building, 175 James Street North, Hamilton

A. Denham advised Committee that Councillor Bratina had been contacted by the owners of the Vasco da Gama building, located at 175 James Street North, with respect to possible designation of the building. The building is listed, but is not designated and is; therefore, not eligible for the CHIRP funding program. As the building is located outside of the Downtown Hamilton Community Improvement Project Area, it is not eligible for a loan through the Enterprise Zone program (Downtown Renewal). The owner would like to confirm that, if he were to designate the building, he could still operate it for the purposes he does today and the current signage would not have to be changed in any way.

Councillor Bratina’s office will contact the owner to advise him that he will need to provide a letter to staff of the Community Planning and Design Section requesting designation.

Staff will supply a summary sheet to Councillor Bratina, respecting 175 James Street North, for his reference.

A. Denham provided photos of 175 James Street North for Committee reference, and a photo of 185 James Street North, which was recently demolished.
6.2 181 MacNab Street South (at Robinson), Hamilton – Artefacts on Wall

M. Stark inquired about the possibility of designating the wall located at 181 MacNab Street South; specifically, the sculptures from the Arkledun building that are incorporated into the wall.

Staff advised that the stone artefacts, including carved heads of an unknown king and queen (circa 1920-1930), were believed to have originated from a nineteenth century stone house, named “Arkledun” located on John Street South, reputedly designed by noted architect William Thomas, which has since been demolished.

The stone carvings were incorporated into a brick wall enclosing a courtyard at an apartment building located at Robinson and MacNab (181 MacNab Street South). Staff advised that the current owner is aware of the heritage significance of the carvings and would like to keep them in their current location.

Staff advised that designation did not appear to be the most effective way of conserving these artifacts and agreed to provide photos to members over the next few days and to discuss at the August Committee meeting.

7. ADJOURNMENT

(Wakeman/Wray)
There being no further business, the Committee adjourned at 1:55 p.m. 

CARRIED