Minutes
Hamilton Youth Advisory Committee
Tuesday, April 20, 2010

McMaster University Centre for Continuing Education, Downtown Centre
50 Main St E. 2nd Floor, Room # 236
4:45 – 7:30 p.m.

Present: Goce Dimitrioski, Ben Konyi, Tahiya Bakht, Michelle Leach, Anda Wang
Absent with Regrets: Councillor Jackson, Fan Yang, Aman-Preet, Katrina Schotsman, Fatime Sadeq
Also Present: René Reid, Mark Weingartner, Edward Lee, Corey Beaudoin, Arifa Haque, Cheryl Lau, Aryan Hassan

1. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA
   • None

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
   • None

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING
   (Dimitrioski/Leach)

   Hamilton Youth Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes, dated Tuesday February 16, 2010 & Tuesday March 16th, 2010, were approved as presented.

   CARRIED

4. GUEST SPEAKER
   - Ms. Emanuela Ducharme, Volunteer Management Specialist with the City discussed the significance of this week being National Volunteer week and the scope of various activities and events taking place
   - Emanuela thanked the youth and expressed how fortunate the City is to have youth volunteers who are committed to making positive and sustainable change their community
   - There are 1252 volunteers across the various divisions
   - Talked about Key Values; Emanuela likes how HYAC includes innovation in its’ key values
• Other key topic areas include the importance of valuing kindness, conviction, empowerment of volunteers
• Viewing volunteers as ‘Agents of Change’
• Volunteering helps anyone to hone their employability skills
• Trends in volunteering; volunteers in the community overall are decreasing due to various factors such as family circumstances, retirement of those who have been volunteering for a long time i.e.: Veterans, seniors
• Many different reasons/motivations for or against volunteering
• Emanuela offered to return and speak with the group again at a later date about Volunteer Management Best Practices
• Emanuela provided City Of Hamilton Pen and Pencil Set recognition incentives to HYAC members
• HYAC members also received a hand-written card and a special cake in their honour

5. DISCUSSION ITEMS

5.1 Recreation Initiatives – Corey Beaudoin & Mark Weingartner
• Mark provided the group with a few studies and general notes on access to recreation
• Corey discussed the basic recreational fee structure and subsidies in the range of 25-100%, though 75% seems to be the unofficial ‘norm’
• Subsidy protocol and rates are going to be revamped as there is not a city-wide standard/structure of implementation and fee charged
• Discussion about subsidies not being well advertised/promoted overall, most at meeting did not know about the subsidies
• Rec. is bringing a report to Council to address the promotion of subsidies; HYAC would like to review the report and offer input
• Aim is to ensure/provide access to recreational and leisure opportunities and enhance community-wide health and social benefits
• Corey provided a basic inventory of Hamilton’s recreational facilities and highlighted those receiving significant upgrades
• Discussed the diversity of recreation opportunities across the City
• Suggestion by the youth in attendance that Rec. officials should promote their facilities at schools much like the Y does
• HYAC would like to provide input/suggestions for accessibility for youth
• HYAC would like to provide input/suggestions on youth recreational issues now and going forward

5.2 Leadership Quest (René) - Deferred

5.3 Tim Horton’s Team-up to clean-up (Katie, Fan, Tahiya)
• Members of HYAC attended the media launch April 6th
• A poster was made and distributed to various youth groups to encourage their participation
• Members of HYAC will be cleaning the Pier 4 area Saturday April 24, 10am-12noon

5.4 Website Update & Logo Status (René & Mark)
• Public launch ideas-deferred
• Still waiting for the website to have the coding completed
• Once the website coding is complete, a final comp of the site on fpm3’s server will be available for our viewing only and to make any final suggestions or minor modifications
• HYAC voted on the domain name; Tahiya motioned that we use the domain name ‘Hamiltonyouth.ca’; it was seconded by Goce. Carried.
• René will contact fpm3 to let them know about the domain name
• We will know shortly if we will be able to officially use our new logo
• Discussion about T-shirt designs
• Goce provided a photo of a unique design that was accepted by the group
• Goce is to send link to the group to view the concepts online
• Goce is to provide a list of possible slogans for the back of the shirt to the group by next Tuesday April 27, 2010

5.5 HYAC Executive Position Descriptions (Goce, René)
• A draft of the currently needed position descriptions was circulated and will be circulated again electronically to encourage further input
• Focus was on the Webmaster position
• Ben Konyi has agreed to take on the role of Webmaster for HYAC

6. ADJOURNMENT
   (Dimitrioski/Bakht)
   ▪ There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.

   CARRIED