Present: Sophie Adair, Winston Morrison, Jude Okpala, Joe Rhodes, Tyrone Childs, Cherian Thomas, Roger Cameron, Marilyn Hunt, Samer Salman

Also Present: Maxine Carter, Jaffar Hayat - City of Hamilton

Regrets: Gurcharan Mander, Andre Nkundimfura, Jaswinder Singh Bedi, Nasir Sarwar, Marwan Masri, Taimur Qasim

Absent: Essam Bayoumy, Fatima Ahmad Minhas, Aimee Nezavdal, Edgar Saenz, Basharat Tayyab, Mandira Raha, Muhammad Dar

1. Welcome and Introductions
   - All were welcomed and all introduced themselves

2. Declaration of Interest
   - None declared

3. Review of Agenda
   - Agenda was reviewed
   
   **R. Cameron/T. Childs**
   To accept the agenda as presented.
   
   CARRIED.

4. Approval of Minutes April 27, 2010
   - Review of minutes

   M. Hunt made two corrections in the minutes;
   - M. Hunt was reported as absent where as she was present.
   - Item 8.3 “Shadism the new Racism” correction to the Host’s name i.e. Steve Pakins.

   **S. Adair/R. Cameron**
   That the April 27, 2010 minutes of the Committee Against Racism be approved as amended.
   
   CARRIED.

5. Matters Arising From Minutes
   - No matters arising.
6. **Business Items**

6.1 **Report from Sub-committee I & II**
- Committee discuss a number of issues regarding the upcoming symposium.
- Members of sub committee II showed their concern on the lack of preparation/communication with regard to the upcoming symposium.
- T. Childs would take a lead on this issue and collect all the relevant information and present in the next sub committee meeting on June 01, 2010.
- Staff explained that due to the unavailability of the Manager of Downtown Arts Centre, the venue is not finalized yet. J. Rhodes volunteered to take lead on this issue and will follow up.
- Committee members requested a copy of the draft invitation letters and list of potential speakers at next meeting.
- Members agreed to have sub committee meeting on every first Tuesday of each month. The June 1st meeting has exclusively been set aside for the “Antiracism Symposium”.
- It was expressed that there is an urgency to attend the preparatory meetings.

**Sub-committee III & IV**

**Community Grants**
- R. Cameron highlighted the approach sub committee III is taking to review the grant process. He mentioned that sub committee will track the progress of two organisations (Grant applicants) throughout the process and report on what has happened to them and what are barriers in securing funding.
- Some applicants have expressed concerns regarding lack of access to funding for their organisations where as other organisations are getting funding.
- Committee members feel that there may be built in bias in the system.
- Roger will craft a motion and send bring it to Committee at next meeting.

6.2 **Racist incidents report & follow up.**

6.2.1 **Nick Farrell’s case.**
- Staff updated that there is no response from Nick Farrell and J. Rhodes committed to making another attempt to contact N. Farrell.
- Discussion tabled for the June meeting.

6.2.2 **Noreen Virgin.**
- Staff informed that Noreen would like to speak to the committee. M. Carter to follow up on this issue.

6.2.3 **Ann Coulter interview on Charles Adler, CHML.**
- Staff informed that a letter has been sent to CHML regarding the footage of Charles Adler show.
- Joe Rhodes to follow on this issue.

6.2.4 **DJO Bwabwa-Kalamba case.**
- Discussion tabled for the June meeting.
6.2.5 Racist Incident – HPS
- Committee members provided a summary of the incident.
- The alleged beating of Po La Hay, a 58 year’s old Karen refugee on May 7, 2010 by HPS due to wrong address.
- Hamilton’s Police Chief admits that it was the wrong apartment.
- The victim was handcuffed and was allegedly beaten in his face and his body by the police.
- The Chief and Deputy Chief have had meetings with stakeholders. What were the outcomes of these meetings? The committee should also look how the incident was handled in the media.
- Committee expressed its dissatisfaction on the issue.
- R. Cameron to prepare a letter on behalf of CAR to expressing concern to Hamilton Police Services regarding the alleged racist incident.
- Members suggested inviting HPS Chief to Committee later this year.

6.3 Report regarding meeting with Councillor Brian McHattie.
- No meeting held in May 2010.
- Committee appreciated Councillor McHattie’s assistance and support.

6.4 HCCI report back.
- J. Rhodes informed the committee regarding the Governing Council meeting of HCCI.

6.5 Follow-up Taxi Working Group presentation.
- Discussion tabled for the June meeting.

7. New Business

7.1 CCAR e-mail.
- Discussion on the CCAR email, which was distributed in the last meeting regarding the hiring process of the Fire Department.
- Discussion tabled for the June meeting.

T. Childs/ R. Cameron
To invite Ken Stone, CCAR Chair to the July 2010 meeting of CAR as a follow-up to his email.

CARRIED.

8. Information Sharing

8.1 Tyrone’s Election in “Initiatives of Change”.
- Tyrone Childs has been elected as member with the Economic and Social Council of Initiatives of Change.

8.2 Hamilton Media Advisory Committee.
- HMAC organized a story meeting for community members to share their story ideas with the Hamilton Media Advisory panel. It is the intention of HMAC to follow up on the stories and potentially publish some in their respective media outlets.
9. **Adjournment**
   - Next meeting June 23, 2010
   - Adjourned meeting at 8:30 p.m.