Present: Sophie Adair, Winston Morrison, Jude Okpala, Taimur Qasim, Joe Rhodes, Tyrone Childs, Basharat Tayyab, Cherian Thomas, Samer Salman, Roger Cameron, Mandira Raha, Muhammad Dar, Marilyn Hunt

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

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

Absent: Essam Bayoumy, Fatima Ahmad Minhas, Aimee Nezavdal, Edgar Saenz,

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

2. Declaration of Interest
   o None declared

3. Review of Agenda
   o Agenda was reviewed

   M. Raha/S. Adair
   To accept the agenda as presented.
   Carried.

4. Approval of Minutes March 23, 2010
   o Review of minutes

   T. Childs/J. Okpala
   That the March 23, 2010 minutes of the Committee Against Racism be approved as presented.
   Carried.

5. Matters Arising From Minutes
   o No matters arising

6. Business Items
   6.1 Report from Sub-committee I & II
   o Samer Salman was not available for this meeting and asked staff

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M. Carter provided an update regarding the planning of the Symposium on behalf of the sub-committee chair.

Committee request that staff secure Barton School venue on behalf of Samer Salman, for June 19, 2010 and also to put a hold on the Downtown Arts Centre for June 26th for an all day session. The Arts Centre is the preferred location because it is more central.

Sub-committee III & IV
- Nothing to report for Sub-committee III & IV
- Discussion regarding the lack of sub-committee meetings in the past few months
- Staff to check the availability of room 207 at the Convention Centre for sub-committee meetings on the first Tuesday of each month.

6.2 Racist incidents report & follow up.

6.2.1 Nick Farrell’s case.
- A free-lance writer to interview and document Nick Farrell story.
- J. Rhodes will contact Nick Farrell to inform him about the journalist who will interview him
- J. Rhodes will follow up with the human rights lawyer and the African Canadian Legal Clinic to review Nick Farrell’s case.

6.2.2 Noreen Virgin.
- Staff has emailed Noreen Virgin to invite her to a future CAR meeting where she can share her story.
- Joe Rhodes giving a background of the incident explained that the story was badly treated by media and public.

6.2.3 Ann Coulter interview on Charles Adler, CHML.
- Ann Coulter interview on Charles Adler show on CHML. She was invited to Canada by the International Free Press (Ezra Levert).
- A letter will be sent to CHML requesting a copy of the March 23, 2010 Charles Adler program

6.2.4 DJO Bwabwa-Kalamba case.
- Article regarding his death was shared with committee members.
- Committee was informed that the members of the media refused to report on the story and it was noted that the Spectator article was one-sided.
- Members also discussed the role of Hamilton Media Advisory Committee.

M. Raha / T. Childs
It was recommended that the Committee Against Racism become a member of the Hamilton Media Advisory Council, in order to have input and that the Chair send a letter of application to the Hamilton Media Advisory Council, requesting continuing membership at the table.

CARRIED.

6.3 Report regarding meeting with Councillor Brian McHattie.
- No meeting is planned for the month of May
6.4 HCCI report back.
   o No report

6.5 Community Grants.
   o Discussion regarding the issues concerning granting process
   o Members raised objection on the selection process and specifically regarding the organisations that continually get funding.
   o Hamilton community has changed over the time, therefore we need to change the grant/funding criteria and identify new partners
   o It was also recommended to highlight the issues being faced by communities first and then address the problems by providing funding
   o Subcommittee II to prepare recommendations on the basis of staff presentation.

R. Cameron/M. Raha
That the Committee Against Racism Sub-Committee II take the lead to review the information presented by the staff regarding the City of Hamilton granting process and make recommendations for the Committee Against Racism to consider. CARRIED.

   o Roger Cameron will take the lead on this

6.6 Follow-up Taxi Working Group presentation.
   o Committee discussed issues raised during the presentation made by the Parking By-Law Services regarding the Taxi Working Group & their rules & responsibilities regarding granting taxi licences
   o Staff to get a copy of the taxi driver criteria from Vince Ormond, Parking & By-Law Services, for the next meeting
   o Discussion will continue at a future meeting

7. New Business
6.1 CCAR e-mail.
   o Was distributed
   o Discussion tabled for the May meeting

8. Information Sharing
   8.1 Immigration Portal Launch.
   o Immigration Portal Launch April 29, 2010, 9:30 a.m. @ LIUNA Station (to be checked)

   8.2 Hamilton Police Services.
   o Hate Crimes Report to be shared by e-mail

   8.3 Steve Pakins Series.
   o “Shadism” the new Racism

Next Agenda:
   o Muhammad Dar
   o Taxi Driver Criteria
9. **Adjournment**
   - Next meeting May 25, 2010
   - Adjourned meeting at 8:30 p.m.