Present: Lauren Bursey, Goce Dimitrioski, Katrina Schotsman, Matt Terry, Fan Yang, Councilor Tom Jackson

Absent With Regrets: Chauntell Dietrich, Nicholas Klimchuk, Leo Johnson, Jordan Kitchen, Ben Konyi, Pratik Thakkar, Anda Wang, Andrew Kelly, Corey Beaudoin, Farai Chicogora, Mike Muller, Christina Ouwehand, Aman-Preet Randhawa, Racquel Simpson, Kaitlynne-Rae Landry, Evan Gravely,

Also Present: Mark Weingartner, Andrew Kelly, Sharon McKinney, Elizabeth McPhee

1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Sharon McKinney’s presentation on the Canadian Walking Master Class
   • Sharon explained the City’s participation in the Walking Master class, which is dedicated to addressing issues that prevent cities from becoming more walkable
   • Sharon noted that the Master Class has several positive and negative impressions of Hamilton as a walkable city
   • Positive impressions: small pockets of walking-oriented streets, e.g. Locke St, Dundas, Old Ancaster
• Negative impressions: one-way streets allow for cars to speed which reduces the safety of the pedestrian, driving is necessary to reach outlying communities
• Sharon then asked the youth about their walking habits and whether a walkable city was as important issue for youth
• The members provided feedback regarding this issue, with mixed opinions being represented in the Committee

3. Debrief of Mayor's Townhall Event
• Two major themes were discussed concerning the townhall event
  o Firstly, committee members felt it was overall successful due to the large turn out of 50 youth in attendance, along with over 60 tuned in on the webcast
  o The major area of improvement for the next event is to increase the facilitated level of contact between youth and the mayor
    • The suggestion of a round-table discussion with the mayor was made

4. Youth Poverty Report – Update
• The downtown walk was rescheduled and it will take place on Tuesday June 30th, 2009.

5. Website Update
• Mark notified the members that the IT department has approved HYAC’s application for hosting its website on the city server
• It was noted that the Website working group, and any other interested parties, would begin working on a good copy of the site

Next Meeting
Date: July 21st, 2009.
Time: 5-7 pm
Location: 1 Hughson St N, 3rd floor.

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