



Attendees: Marisa Carpino, City of Pickering
 Kirk Mark, Community Appointee
 Sethu Madhavan, Community Appointee
 Cathy Grant, Pickering Public Library
 Tiera Dookhie, J. Clarke Richardson School

Absent: Councillor David Pickles, Chair
 Margaret Lazarus, Valley Farm Public School
 Siobhan Saravanamutto, Dunbarton High School
 Sharon Singh, Pine Ridge Secondary School
 Tanya Malika Foster, Community Appointee
 Fred Gibson, Pickering Carib Canadian Cultural Association
 Mariyah Gonzales, Dunbarton High School
 Philip Howard, Durham District School Board
 Joanne Guindon, Durham Catholic District School Board

| <i>Item / Ref #</i> | Details & Discussion & Conclusion <i>(summary of discussion)</i> | Action Items / Status <i>(include deadline as appropriate)</i> |
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| 1.0 | Welcome | All |
| | Marisa welcomed those in attendance. Tiera, a new student representative, introduced herself once again to the group. | |
| 2.0 | Review & Approval of Agenda | All |
| | Agenda items were reviewed and approved. | |
| 3.0 | Approval of Minutes & Business Arising – April 3, 2008 | |
| | Minutes cannot be formerly approved as there was no quorum for this meeting, however they were reviewed and members present approved the minutes. Update on some action items include the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marisa sent a memo to the City Clerk on May 12, 2008, on behalf of the committee, requesting the City of Pickering proclaim May Asian Heritage Month. • Requested revision to the survey portion of the 2008 annual work | |

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| | <p>plan was made by Marisa.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marisa asked Mayor’s office to ensure that invitations to conferences the Mayor receives (relating to race relations, diversity, human rights etc.) are brought to the attention of the committee. <p>Kirk Mark asked if there was any further discussion of the Golf Day. Marisa advised that she had not been involved in any further discussions. She also advised that if the committee as a whole were committed to this initiative, there would need to be a sub-committee of those members to spear head the activity. Kirk mentioned that he would speak to Mary Curran to build a partnership with St. Mary Secondary School for [YOU]nity’s Youth Leadership Camp. The proceeds of the Golf Day can go to the camp. Marisa recommended that this item be tabled for the September 2008 meeting where more members would be in attendance to discuss their level of commitment/support.</p> | <p>Marisa to add Golf Day/Youth Leadership Camp to be on the September 2008 agenda.</p> |
| <p>4.0</p> | <p>Writing Contest</p> | <p>All</p> |
| | <p>Marisa distributed a copy of last years contest poster and the members discussed changes to be made for this year. This year, the contest will also welcome illustrations (paintings, drawings, digital media etc.) and so that change will be reflected on the poster.</p> <p>Members discussed the contest title “In Your Words” and since the contest is now open to illustrations, the members recommended we expand the contest name to “In Your Words & Expressions”.</p> <p>Potential statements for this year are: “Creating my diverse Community...” “Past, Present and My Future...” “I woke up today”</p> <p>Marisa will email all committee members to confirm the statement to be used this year.</p> | <p>Marisa to action</p> |
| <p>5.0</p> | <p>Tapestry</p> | <p>All</p> |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marisa and Sethu provided updates of the event • There were only a few more participants then last year • Sethu advised that the participants were plentiful but visitors were less so • Kirk suggested that perhaps the event name does not accurately portray the event • The Tapestry planning committee will be deciding whether to run the event in future | |

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| 6.0 | Debrief on Council Presentation | All |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Marisa thanked Kirk Mark and Siobhan Saravanamuttu for presenting the committee's 2007 annual report and 2008 work plan to Council in May 2008. They did a great job to represent the committee. | |
| 7.0 | Civic Awards Presentation | |
| | <p>Marisa advised members that Sharon Singh, Siobhan Saravanamuttu and Mariyah Gonzales received a City of Pickering 2007 Civic Award on May, 26, 2008 in the "Youth Volunteer Award" category. Congratulations to our student representatives, very deserving considering their significant contributions to the committee and the community. We wish them well in academics next fall.</p> | |
| 7.0 | Adjournment | |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Next meeting is September 4, 2008 at 7pm at Pickering Civic Complex. Agenda items will include Golf Tournament/Youth Leadership Camp and 2008 Annual Report | |

Meeting Adjourned: 8:20 pm

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