



Attendees: Councillor David Pickles, Chair
 Steve Holt, Community Appointee
 Kirk Mark, Community Appointee
 Alma Sandoval, Hispanic Canadian Alliance of Ontario
 Marisa Carpino, City of Pickering
 Tanya Taylor, Pickering Public Library
 Lisa Harker, Recording Secretary

Absent: Jason Amos, Pine Ridge Secondary School, [YOU]nity
 Chris Gordon, [YOU]nity
 Devinder Kaur Panesar, Community Appointee
 Margaret Lazarus, Altona Forest Public School
 Sethu Madhavan, Community Appointee
 Constable Keith Richards, Durham Regional Police
 Raymond George Facey, Community Appointee
 Fred Gibson, Pickering Carib Canadian Cultural Association
 Philip Howard, Durham District School Board
 Sylvie Morel-Foster, Durham Catholic District School Board

Item / Ref #	Details & Discussion & Conclusion <i>(summary of discussion)</i>	Action Items / Status <i>(include deadline as appropriate)</i>
1.0	Welcome	All
	Councillor Pickles welcomed members to the meeting and introduced Kamini Sahadeo from Mark Holland's office.	
2.0	Review and Approval	All
	M. Carpino reviewed the action items and the March 4, 2010 minutes were approved.	
3.0	Youth Partnership Initiative	All
	Kamini Sahadeo from Mark Holland's office appeared before the Committee to provide an overview of the Youth Partnership Initiative. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Program was initiated 2-3 years ago from the 	

	<p>realization of the desire to help youth, especially at-risk youth.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meetings are held on a monthly basis. • There has been one event to date, which included youth entertainment, speeches, networking opportunities and the participation of 40-50 agencies. • The current focus of the initiative is to determine what programs exist for youth, what the unique needs of the Ajax-Pickering area are, and what the gaps are. • A resource guide is currently being finalized and will then be available as a link on the City's Race Relations Committee website. • [YOU]nity can get involved by helping the initiative with a blog or other promotional pieces. M. Carpino to enquire if [YOU]nity is interested. <p>K. Sahadeo invited the Committee to attend the event on April 29th and the meeting on April 8th. The Committee reiterated their support of the initiative and will attend as many events as possible. The Committee also volunteered to host a meeting if required. K. Sahadeo will include M. Carpino on her email listing so the Committee will be advised of upcoming meetings and events.</p>	<p>M. Carpino to action</p> <p>M. Carpino will distribute future event information to our distribution list of community cultural organizations that work with youth</p>
4.0	Update	
	<p>Race Relations Forum</p> <p>M. Carpino provided a status update of the successful event. A. Sandoval suggested videotaping the winners reading their submissions and putting it on the City's website. To be considered by the Committee next year.</p> <p>Discussion ensued with respect to getting the media involved in future Race Relations Forums (i.e. Rogers, documentary, etc.).</p>	
5.0	Review	
	<p>[YOU]nity's Diversity Camp</p> <p>M. Carpino provided an overview of [YOU]nity's Diversity Camp. Due to low registration the Camp did not run this year. C. Gordon and J. Amos to provide an update at the next meeting.</p>	<p>C. Gordon and J. Amos to action</p>
6.0	Other Business	
	Proclamation Calendar	

	<p>M. Carpino presented two lists of religious and other potential proclamation dates for the Committee to consider. The Committee discussed the various criteria to select dates to proclaim. K. Mark suggested tapping into existing community groups to get their input. M. Carpino to contact community groups to obtain their input as to what dates are most significant for the Committee to proclaim.</p> <p>Councillor Pickles to distribute an advisory for a Woman's Multicultural Event.</p> <p>Councillor Pickles also advised the Committee that they had received a draft policy from the Durham District School Board on Equity and Inclusive Education. L. Harker to email survey to Committee members for comments and feedback.</p>	<p>M. Carpino to action</p> <p>Councillor Pickles to action</p> <p>L. Harker to action</p>
7.0	Adjournment/Next Meeting	All
	<p>The next meeting will be held May 6, 2010.</p>	

Meeting Adjourned: 9:10 pm

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