



**Minutes
PICKERING ADVISORY COMMITTEE
ON RACE RELATIONS & EQUITY**

February 15, 2006

7:00 pm

Main Committee Room

Chair – Kim Kranc

Attendees: Nazneen Dindar, Durham District School Board
 Fred Gibson, Community Appointee
 Margaret Lazaras, Glengrove Public School
 Joe Mitschang, Durham Regional Police Service
 Jacqueline Moriarty, Community Appointee
 Malvina Ram, Community Appointee
 Tish Sheppard, Durham Catholic District School Board
 Kim Kranc, City of Pickering
 Marla Shim, City of Pickering (Recording Secretary)

Guests: Gary Faulkner, Durham West Arts Centre
 Lisa DePasse, Pickering Carib Cultural Association

Regrets: Councillor David Pickles
 Kirk Mark, Community Appointee
 Lisa Anne Rae, Durham Catholic District School Board
 Malvina Ram, Community Appointee

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1.	Welcome & Introductions Kim welcomed members and guests to the meeting.	
2.	Minutes Minutes of the January 12, 2006 meeting were approved. Joe reported that a full report on the diversity study of the Durham Regional Police Service should be ready in approximately one month.	
3.	2006 Committee Events Heritage Week <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - several performances scheduled for event - total of twelve booths March Writing Contest <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 330 entries were received - winners have been selected from all categories and will be 	

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	showcased at the March 22, 2006 Race Relations Forum event. The winning entries will be displayed in the Civic Complex for the month of March and the first place winners will be published in the Ajax Pickering News Advertiser.	
4.	Durham West Arts Centre	
	Key highlights of presentation made by Gray Faulkner are as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Huge need for a Performing Arts Centre in Durham • Study done to determine economic impact to community • Very impressed with talent in Pickering and Ajax • Affiliated with Pine Ridge Arts Council (distributed copies of "ArtScene" to members) 	
5.	Tapestry Event Update	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Looking for sponsorship 	
6.	Survey – Ideas from Committee	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Councillor Pickles had discussion with committee members with regards to doing a survey • Requested members to give some thought into possible survey questions and bring ideas/suggestions to the April 30th scheduled meeting 	
7.	Other Business	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kim reminded members that she needs to respond to student's questions, and referred to the earlier email message that she sent out asking for input • Kim inquired as to if members had any names to put forward for Civic Award nominations. Forms due February 16th March 8th – Believing the Hype: 7 Keys to Motivating Students of Colour" (see attachment for more details) 	Nazneen & Margaret to send email with comments to Kim
8.	Next Meeting	
	DATE CHANGE - To be confirmed 7:00 pm – Main Committee Room ALL COMMITTEE MEMBERS ARE ASKED TO CONFIRM THEIR ATTENDANCE	

Meeting Adjourned: 7:05 pm

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City Clerk