Present:

Rachel Braithwaite, Emily DeBenedictus, Mark Dimillo, Rebecca Doll, Brenda Duke, Angela Eady, Laura Farr, Holly Franzke, Deryck Glodon, Eileen Griffet, Christine Inchoff, Natasha Martinez, Daniel Moore, Bob Morrow, Alfair Reid, Andrew Reid, Michael Root, David Stephens, Tim Tapp, Candy Venning, Rene Wetselaar Gwen Whitelaw, Jesse Williamson

Chair: Alfair Reid chaired meeting in Gerry Cunningham's absence

Recording secretary: Angela Eady

AGENDA ITEM	KEY POINTS	ACTION
1.	Welcome and introductions	
2. Approval of agenda	 D. Stephens presented information about the bike share project before the start of the meeting: The decision vote will be held on March 6. No additional items were added to agenda. 	
3. Approval of minutes	M. Root moved to accept the minutes. E Griffett seconded. Carried.	
4a. Business arising (Mission Services space) (A. Eady)	 E. Griffett will coordinate the booking of Mission Services. Key people from Action Teams will be trained on the security code, which is not to be shared, for after-hours access. Number of photocopies must be recorded on the sheet above the photocopier. Photocopies can be done for small projects (up to 200 pages). For larger projects, consult with D. Moore or E. Griffett. 	
4b. Business arising (business cards) (B. Duke)	 B. Duke reported back on quotes for business cards: \$68 for 1000, \$90 for 2500. R. Doll will check to see if the City will cover business card costs. B. Duke will design proof for card and send out to executive. T. Tapp moved to have 1 set of business cards printed with S. Sirkett's and G. Cunningham's names and 1 set printed with ad sales, with money coming out of the \$80 leftover from meeting expenses, if the City will not cover costs. L. Farr seconded. Carried. 	
4c. Business arising (Barton St survey)	The survey is now available to complete on the web site. Residents can submit responses.	

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4d. Business arising (Child care) (R. Doll)	 Information about child care was placed in newspaper. This information should be added to the web site. Residents needing child care must call a week in advance. 	
5. Treasurer's Report (A. Reid)	 \$1433 is the current HCF balance, which does not include the cost of the recent edition of paper (\$825). The Herald Bank balance: \$3583 Mar-Apr ads: \$555 earned A. Reid expects to hear soon about small-project grant funds for this year. Current balance is \$1999.95. An additional \$1800 will come from the Building Momentum event. Small projects will be centralized at SRPC and all information/communication is to go through the community development worker and not the treasurer. A petty cash amount of \$100 is available to be divided between Herald and GALA. 	
6. The Herald report (L. Farr/T. Tapp)	 The Mar-Apr edition is published and about 80-90% delivered. This edition went to 12 pages. Cindy Ashenden is doing invoicing and e-mail follow-up. Ad sales need to be higher than the production costs. All members are asked to act as ambassadors and solicit ad sales where possible. Notify galaherald@gmail.com of any interest in ads. Deadline for May-June: April 11th. Publication team will meet in the next week. For delivery, the publication team will advertise the specific postal codes that need volunteers to deliver. It was suggested that a Jane's Walk could focus on neighbourhood streets that need help with delivery. 	
7. Web site (D. Glodon)	 Format is changed: the web site looks less like a blog and more like a tabloid. A link has been added for small-projects grant application. Logo is difficult to include because the available space is too small for the size of the logo. The web site has had traffic from all over the world: it is important to identifying that Hamilton is in ON on web site and in paper. 	Add Ontario to Hamilton in newspaper (L. Farr & publication team)
8a. Committee: Barton St. (M. Dimillo)	 The survey about Barton St is up on the GALA web site. Quarterly workshops on revitalization will be held. The Barton Village BIA has started workshops as well. The committee will meet with Shelley Wonch from the BIA. 	

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8b. Committee: Education (D. Moores/R. Doll)	•The committee collaborated with Sherman Hub, which had an effect. The board has changed direction & is proposing to keep Parkview students together. •A multistakeholder project is planned for Gibson Landsdale: Canada Learning Bond: This project supports people in setting up an RESP and provides them with the first \$500. Even though it won't cover the whole cost of education, it has been shown to make a difference to outlook of family—> more likely to go to postsecondary. Families will be signed up on April 10. Volunteers are needed to help with the event.	If able, notify D. Moore for volunteering on April 10.
8c. Committee: Alleys & Laneways (B. Duke)	•This committee is on winter break.	
9. Small grant applications (M. Root)	 The application from B. Duke for \$900 to run 3 green space events was reviewed by the committee. The grant was approved by the committee with recommendations that the money be handed out separately for each event, receipts and a report be provided after each event, and the sustainability of the project be considered in planning. A. Reid moved that the small-grants committee report and recommendations be accepted. C. Venning/L. Farr seconded. Carried. May 24 will be the date of the first event. R. Doll reported that Hamilton Community Foundation is revising rules around what it means to be resident-led & how funds get used. Small-grant projects money that is not used must be returned to GALA; all receipts must be kept and given to GALA also. 	
10. GLNA update	 There will by a by-law information night on March 19 at Mission Services at 7 pm. A discussion was held about GLNA's donation of their small-grant money to the Keith chair for the Easter event. There was consensus that this was a learning experience & GLNA does not have to ask Keith for the money back. 	
11a. New Business: History committee (A. Eady)	 Mayor Bratina commented at the GALA presentation to City Council on the rich heritage of the Gibson Landsdale area. He suggested that GALA work to promote and share this history. A history committee was struck: A. Reid, E. Griffett, & A. Eady. 	

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11b. New Business: All-candidates meeting (A. Eady)	 As it is an election year, it would be opportune to work on an all-candidates meeting and to promote a good voter turnout. R. Braithwaite reported that GLNA wants to work on an all-candidates meeting. L. Farr expressed in working on this issue. It will be important to collaborate with other hubs who may also be working on this issue. 	
11c. Photo contest (A. Eady/D. Glodon)	 A photo contest to promote positive images of the neighbourhood was suggested. This will be done through the web site. A. Eady & D. Glodon will work on this project. 	A. Eady/D. Glodon to initiate contest.
12. Councillor Bob Morrow	The presence of Councillor Bob Morrow at the meeting was acknowledgeds. He is willing to come back if GALA has specific questions or concerns they wish him to address.	
13. Other business	 A discussion was held about how the movie business at the Gibson School is creating noise at night, littering, and idling, which is disturbing the neighbours. It was recommended that the City be notified and that Jackie Norton be invited to the next meeting to discuss the issue. J. Williamson announced the registration deadline for spring programs at Pinky Lewis: March 13. D. Stephens from Jamesville announced that Complete Streets will go before City Council on March 19 to get approval for bike lanes down Cannon St. 	

Next meeting: April 5, 2014 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m

Barton branch of the Hamilton Public Library, 571 Barton Street East