



## Embellissement VANIER Beautification

Tuesday, April 16, 2013  
Le Centre Francophone  
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### MINUTES

**Attendance:** Marguerite Beaulieu, Tina Delaney, Nicole Fournier, Lucie Marleau, Nicole Li, Dan Shipley, Nathaniel Mullin, Michelle Nash, Marthe Joannisse, Isobel Bisby, Geneviève Déry, Suzan Proulx, Sheila Paterson, Allana Macintosh, RoseAnne Leonard, Kate Greer-Close

**Regrets:** Centre des services communautaires de Vanier (CSCV) / Vanier Community Service Centre (VCSC)

#### 1. Welcome and Introductions

Marguerite welcomed everyone

#### 2. Approval of Minutes from March 19, 2013

Minutes approved by members

#### 3. Approval of Agenda

Agenda approved by members

#### 4. News from Co-chairs:

- BIA Award given to Elvira Maria Diaz-Granados
  - o Congratulatory note dropped off in her mailbox on behalf of EVB
- Open Forum with Councillor Mathieu Fleury, Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, 7 p.m., Assumption School
- Thank you given to Michelle Nash for EMC article re: Gamman House heritage garden

#### 5. Follow-up to previous agenda items:

- **CPO Conference: April 6, EVB had an information table for the duration of the conference; we handed out our new brochures and interacted with the public educating public on Beautification projects.**
  - o Mayor gave EVB a shout out as a very good example of crime prevention and community involvement
  - o EVB well recognized throughout the city
  - o All about crime prevention through beautification, which made the conference very applicable to the work EVB does
- "Paint it up" project (Allana)
  - o No application this year
  - o Will plan for next year's application beginning in January with Helena (CSCV)
    - Must get at-risk youth involved – this was the missing component for this year
    - Both the Boys and Girls Club and Carson House in Overbrook are interested
  - o Heartwood House might be a good location next year (on MacArthur, two doors down from the Boys and Girls Club)
- Awesome project: (Lucie)

- Lucie filled out the application
- **Marguerite to review application and send to Lucie**
- Sugar Festival (volunteers)
  - Very well attended
  - All proceeds from the book sale given to children's programming at the library
  - **Friday's** breakfast did not go as well as expected; people lined up for an hour, some families were not being fed together and there was a shortage of materials
  - Sunday was a much more positive experience; it was a well-organized event
  - There was a new coordinator this year - looking for feedback re: event
- BIA Workshop March 26<sup>th</sup> (Tina)
  - Invitation was forwarded to all groups in the BIA's area
  - Meet and greet
    - Introduction to who the BIA is and what they do
    - Asking for input from community organizations
  - The objective of the workshop was to determine if there is enough interest to have more meetings, work closer with the community and to take on additional projects
  - No final decisions were made, but there was an agreement to have two more meetings re: working together
    - Meeting isn't currently planned

## 6. New business:

- Mac Chaput Award
  - Last year's ceremony was much fun; this year's will likely be the same
  - Invited to submit a name by May 20<sup>th</sup>
  - Don't have to be part of a group or association to submit; can do so individually
  - Nominee must be someone who has worked as a volunteer in Vanier, but does not necessarily have to live in the community
  - **Send nomination suggestions to Marguerite or EVB email**
- Fête de la St-Jean, Sentier des saveurs, June 22<sup>nd</sup>, Richelieu Vanier Community Centre
  - Annual French Canadian celebration of food
  - Invitation forwarded to EVB for the first time – organizers are trying to get more community organizations involved
    - Invitation extended to the community association as well
  - Free to host a table offering traditional food
  - Can charge up to \$2 per food item
    - Guests pay using coupons
  - EVB would be given 30% of what was sold and the rest of the funds would go to the programs running that day
  - Event runs from noon to midnight, when there will be a bonfire
  - Food:
    - No electricity, refrigeration, etc.
    - Desserts are mostly accounted for already
    - Suggested that EVB offer creton and baguette
  - Can put out EVB pamphlets and "I ♥ Vanier" buttons on the table
  - Could be a good opportunity to get EVB's name out there; the traditional francophone community thinks that EVB is the association as opposed to a stand-alone group
  - **Marguerite to look into food costs for the event**
- Jane's Talk, May 2<sup>nd</sup> and Jane's Walk May 5<sup>th</sup>
  - "Bring back Beechwood" walk on Sunday May 5<sup>th</sup> at 10am
  - New Edinburgh, Beechwood Village Alliance as hosts of the event
  - Inclusive, informal
  - Walk will be begin at New Edinburgh house
  - Intended to be a visualization of what they want to see on Beechwood in the future (i.e., an archway over the bridge at the river)
  - During the walk, there will be stopping points of interest (El Meson, St. Charles Church) where residents and business owners will speak - "I remember when..."
  - **Isobel to send information to Marguerite**
  - Jane's Talk May 2<sup>nd</sup> – TAN Coffee at Wilbrod and Friel

- Vanier as a “headliner”; discussion of the work being done in the Vanier community (working together and building a good place to live)
  - Vanier will be given the stage for half an hour to talk about about what individuals can personally do to build a networked effort in the community
  - Elaine Leger, Julie Lapalm, Geoff Dery, Mike Bulthuis to speak
  - Rogers’ CPO video that was used at the Community Safety Awards recognizing EVB will be shown
  - A work-in-process to be nailed down by the end of the week
- Spring Cleanup, Saturday, April 27, 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.; lunch at noon (posters)
  - Clean up Jane’s Walk route
  - Other suggested areas:
    - Marier Ave. (Marier & Shakespeare)
    - Des Pere Blancs & St. Jacques
  - City will pick up waste bags the next day
  - Provided with bags, gloves, garbage grabbers, brooms, rakes, paint, brushes, rollers, etc.
  - Pick areas that you want to clean
  - Can clean as part of Beautification, or sign up for your own clean up – the city just wants a count of how many participants there are
  - You don’t have to think huge, you can just clean up a couple yards; it’s more about engaging people to sign up
  - Beginning at Richelieu Vanier Community Centre
  - CSCV providing lunch – aiming to have a picnic in the park
- Dealing with dog waste
  - Particularly in Optimiste park
  - Needs to be an alternative for disposing of dog waste, especially as it’s not permitted in regular garbages
  - Sometimes deposited in the flower boxes
  - If you know who is contributing to the mess, you can send the address of the dog owner to 311 – they will be warned, fined
  - City is trying to work out a waste solution
  - Pet Valu is talking about installing dispensers for waste bags
    - Continue working in this direction
  - “Poover” to clean the sidewalk (European cities)
  - Should make this a Beautification project
- The importance of reporting (Lucie)
  - Take a photo, send to 311 with a cc: to Nathaniel and EVB
  - Instances where trash has been left out on the sidewalk (i.e., prior to garbage day)
    - They’ll get a notice, and will be charged the cost of the pickup

## 7. Community Partners:

- Association communautaire de Vanier (ACV) / Vanier Community Association (VCA)
  - Planning a presentation about arts and culture organization in the city – cultural mapping
    - Engaging with groups in Vanier and the VCA to identify what really happens here
    - Scratching under the surface – talking to community members re: where do you go, what do you do, who do you know?
    - **Dan to send information to EVB**
  - Planning AGM for June 17<sup>th</sup>
  - Watch for announcements re: coffee houses
  - Parks and Rec department reassessment of parks to perform a needs analysis
    - Cooperation between city, planners and groups to determine what everyone needs to do
  - Optimiste Park mural
    - Working with Wabano and an artist to create a mural to hang on an outdoor wall (the swim building)
    - Will be primarily based on the inspiration of children in the park
  - Vanier Velo on June 2<sup>nd</sup> – cycling event
    - Sarah Partridge working in cooperation with cyclists
    - For more info, contact Dan or the VCA
  - Reviewing constitution as per bylaws
  - Membership was 108 at the beginning of year (unverified)

- Membership is now 223; all members have been contacted to ensure they want to be involved
  - Rockcliffe community workshop and open house – May 25<sup>th</sup>, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Hampton Inn
    - Discussion of the Rockcliffe Air Base development
- Bureau du Conseiller Mathieu Fleury / Councillor Mathieu Fleury's office
  - Community and Protective Services committee on Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 a.m. at City Hall to discuss abandoned properties initiative
    - Looking for people to come and speak in favour of it
      - **Interested speakers should contact Nathaniel for inclusion in the cue**
  - Forum on Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, 7 p.m. (doors will be open at 6:30) at Assumption School to ask Councillor Fleury about city issues
- Centre des services communautaires de Vanier (CSCV) / Vanier Community Service Centre (VCSC)
  - **Send email to CSCV to put recycle bins in EVB's meeting space**

**8. Other:**

- Workshops on trauma and root causes
  - **Marguerite to send information about workshops**
- Women in Social Business Forum
  - **Marguerite to send information about forum**

**9. Next meeting:**

- Tuesday, May 21, 6:30 p.m.
- Garden party on Tuesday, June 18<sup>th</sup>
- Refreshments:

Drinks: Tina

Food: Tina

***Don't forget your receipts! \*\*important to submit them even when using the CSCV donated gift card\*\****