



TUESDAY, May 15, 2012
CSC Vanier / 290 Dupuis
6:30 pm to 8 pm

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Minutes

1. Welcome and Introductions (14 attendees)

Marguerite welcomed everyone and introductions were made.

2. Approval of Minutes from April 17th, 2012

Approved by members with minor changes

3. Approval of Agenda

Agenda was approved by members

4. News from Co-chairs:

- Reports from:
 - Assumption's media launch, April 31st.
 - Good news, students were enthusiastic, they chose the design they wanted in their yard, a play area that will be open to the public
 - A grant was obtained thanks to Vern White from Let the Kids Play-Foundation- There will be a lot of fundraising activities.
 - Various donations were given at the launch including \$1,500 by Rassi's Salon
 - Another local business, Bobby's Table, will make a donation of lunch on the building day, June 16
 - Volunteers are needed for Saturday June 16-send your name to Marguerite
 - Maybe City Church and Bikers Church could help
 - Luce Paradis, the principal, is in charge and is fabulous
- May 1st meeting of BIA's Safety & Security (Marguerite)
 - Interesting statistics indicating Vanier's reporting, Craig Calder said about us "We love you guys!"
 - Amed Sayed from the Ottawa Inn is requesting our help.
 - Staff have cleaned the site considerably
 - He wants the group to walk through the building and to give him ideas on what to do to beautify in or around the building. He will provide lunch.
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- Graffiti Stakeholders' Meeting May 3rd / www.ottawa.ca/graffiti
 - Marguerite attended and her presentation was very well received
 - Received chart of Hate Crime Signs and Symbols which was distributed

- Ottawa-Carleton r board of directors willing to work with Beautification
- According to a city survey, Vanier is the area with the least amount of graffiti
- Hats off to Allana, her team and residents who got kits and cleaned the graffiti themselves
- Residents are now doing it spontaneously
- Marguerite has been getting more kits as the demand is very high
- City will be hosting the National municipalities conference in 2013–Marguerite has been invited to speak at the event
- Change of command, Police Chief, Charles Bordeleau, May 14th
 - Lovely ceremony-Marguerite attended and extended best wishes on behalf of Beautification to the new Chief
- List of pharmacies and grocery stores to report abandoned carts
 - List distributed with phone numbers
 - Please encourage residents to report abandoned carts
- Movies in the Park: July 27th and August 10th 2012
 - July 27-Centre Richelieu-entertainment before movie-combined with music festival
 - Marier and Olmstead-other suggested areas
 - Overbrook movie –one night
 - Movie equipment shared with other communities
- Request to CSCV for 300\$ to fund plants and garbage can
 - A letter was drafted and a request was made to Michel Gervais, director of CSCV
- CPO Board of Directors meeting: Good news!
 - \$35,000 granted to CSCV to cover Élyse’s position till September – one time only transition money
 - Fun to participate in the 3 neighbourhood evaluation
 - Lucie made an excellent presentation relating her personal experiences
 - She’s an asset to the Vanier neighbourhood and we’re very fortunate to have her on this committee

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

- Storefront Project (Élyse)
 - The June deadline was too difficult for the schools
 - Project will be done in the fall
- Fund raising for Wabano tile
 - People were very generous, a total of \$300 for a tile and a donation to Wabano was raised
 - Kudos for Lucie for organizing the project
- Graffiti update
 - Marya Pizza still has the graffiti that was reported a few weeks ago
 - 282 Dupuis-behind pawn shop-reported – Élyse to send to Councilor
 - Bell to look at the box near their building as it’s a safety issue-If you see a Bell box open, call Bell and let them know
 - Paul Mc Ann has given paint for benches-it looks better when it’s painted hence less graffiti
- Mapping Ottawa’s Tree Canopy-Lynne
 - **Bring Forward to next meeting**

- Jane's Walk (Lucie/Élyse)
 - Article on front page of Openfile Canada (copy on website)
 - Great job-good turnout- 27 people – bilingual walk
 - Participants included residents who know and are proud of their community
 - Great to have members speak about their project
 - People were surprised with what is happening in Vanier
 - Thank you Élyse for organizing the event

6. New business

- CPO's 5th anniversary with Vanier recognition, Garden party, two alternatives:
 - 1. Regular meeting June 19th and Garden Party and recognition Tuesday, June 26th or 2. combine regular Beautification meeting with Garden Party June 26th.
 - It was decided to hold an abbreviated meeting and social at the same time on June 26th
 - Nancy not available on June 18 for the AGM Association meeting
 - Recognize Élyse at the same time and wish her well on her maternity leave
 - It will be held at 6 pm, in Marguerite 's garden – pot-luck
- Calling cards / Cartes de visite
 - Business cards with new logo distributed to members
- Looking for new lead for Eyes on Vanier Walkabout
 - Kim willing to organize special events walks
 - Suggestion to doing occasional, theme walks as opposed to set walks
 - Theme walks would target different people
 - Not everyone is comfortable picking up garbage
 - Communicate with Vanier Beautification to suggest themes
 - Ideas:
 - Bike about with bikes from CSC Vanier Centre-contact Élyse for more details
 - Capital Vélo Fest-June 2nd and 3rd-Vanier could do it on the same day (kids and youth could get involved)
 - Invite Ottawa U- professor- who use to bring some of his classes to Vanier to study the unique architecture-Élyse to follow up on it
 - Invite the historian, Robert Serré to conduct a walk
 - EMC or Perspectives Vanier could advertise the special event walks
 - Themes:
 - Mom and tots
 - Aboriginal drums
 - Dog lovers' walk
 - Photography walk (CSC Vanier has cameras)
 - Senior safety walk
 - Joggers
 - Could be different time of the day or different time of the week
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 - **“People stop by and say that Vanier looks better than it did a couple of years ago”**
- Beautification's newsletter (Marguerite)
 - Mike and Marguerite will collaborate in a newsletter starting in the fall
 - It will be bigger and better
- Stray cats in Vanier (Ron Stone)
 - **Bring forward to next meeting**
- Spring Clean up
 - 10-12 people met at Marier Park
 - Ottawa Inn- Scotia Bank were some of the locations what were cleaned
 - Another group was cleaning and preparing the community garden
 - Met up at Garden to share lunch provided by CSCV
- Community Garden
 - There is a box #36, for Partage Vanier taken care by volunteers

- #26 is the “help yourself box” with a sign on the plot that invites people to taste there and not help themselves in other plots
- Would like to involve school programs

7. Community Partners

- Association communautaire de Vanier (ACV) / Vanier Community Association (VCA)
 - No report
- Bureau du Conseiller Mathieu Fleury / Councillor Mathieu Fleury’s office :
 - Clean-up crew, new programme-green cart-main street-pilot project- “Neat Streets”
 - LRT-its going ahead-Rideau Centre
 - Noise by-law amendment- by-law will be aimed at tenant but will notify the landlord
 - Pedestrian bridge-in 2013-working on plans
 - Children and bikers with their bikes on their shoulders crossing the river
 - Becoming a huge liability
- Centre des services communautaires de Vanier (CSCV) / Vanier Community Service Centre (VCS)
 - Neighbourhood Watch event this weekend-19th of May-11 am to 2 pm
 - Chief of police will be there
 - Tina and Élyse will talk about gardening
 - 100 plants to be given away
 - sock battle
 - Free BBQ-face painting
 - Tenant association-280 Montfort
 - Building a community garden and Vanier community garden group will help them – beautiful partnership
 - The aim is to reach isolated tenants and to give them a sense of ownership
- Prévention du crime Ottawa (PCO) / Crime Prevention Ottawa (CPO)
 - At our request and to everyone’s delight, CPO has accepted to let Francine stay on with our group till the end of Dec. 2012. Her continued presence will be discussed in Jan 2013.
- Wabano : Paint it up programme
 - Did not receive the funding but Luce Paradis from Assumption school said that 2 of the murals should go ahead-Meeting with Luce next week-chapel will be also be painted
 - Optimist Park-Artist will draw and the children will paint
 - School money for retaining wall- will be done on June 16th building day
 - More info next month
- Elaine and Christine working on Optimist park
 - The builder, Domicile, will donate \$50,000 towards the park’s makeover
 - Could move up City funding
 - June – organize another skate park day to get more feedback
 - Movie to attract residents and get their input
 - Maybe plant an edible tree (need to test the soil)
- Wabano building coming along – moving in next week- new building will be ready in the fall

8. Next meeting date:

- Tuesday, June 26, 2012
Pot luck – everyone brings something – at Marguerite’s (155 Duford Street)