



Embellissement VANIER Beautification

Tuesday, November 20, 2012
Le Centre Francophone
270 Marier Av.
6:30 pm to 8 pm

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MINUTES

1. **Attendance:** Marguerite Beaulieu, Tina Delaney, Suzan Proulx, Elaine Leger, Sheila Paterson, Rose Anne Leonard, Nycole Beaudin, Nicole Fournier, Geoff Derry, Helene Arruda, Francine Demers, Nicole Li (recorder)
2. **Welcome and Introductions**
Marguerite introduced Tina as the new co-chair
Introductions done by 12 attendees
3. **Approval of Minutes from October 16, 2012**
Approved
4. **Approval of Agenda**
Approved with changes:
 - Addition of garbage cans
5. **News from Co-chairs:**
 - Neighbourhood forum
 - Living tapestry will be put in Mathieu Fleury's office and will be brought out for events
 - Linda Cristina will have full report to be shared by Marguerite
 - **ACTION**
 - Geoff to send arts and culture report to Beautification email to put on Facebook
 - Flower boxes:
 - Suggested at forum to ask city for more flower boxes to use to slow traffic, but "traffic calming" is only good for roads wide enough. Most roads in Vanier are too narrow
 - Question of who would take care of the flower boxes
 - Problem with people stealing plants
 - Consensus the Vanier needs more trees
 - Something needs to be done at the entrance to Vanier off of Cummings Bridge (i.e., input of water feature, benches, etc.), but the BIA doesn't have the funds to put anything there
 - Montreal Road needs improvement – Stefan will be starting the storefront project back up in January
 - Remembrance Day wreath ceremony and photos posted
 - Cleaned route
 - The city replaced the flags at the Cenotaph
 - For the first time, Beautification was able to put out its own wreath (provided by the BIA)
 - Parade was videotaped and footage will be part of the video display at C'est Chill
 - Assumption School partnering with EVB for C'est Chill

- Samuel Genest School partnering with EVB as an ongoing partnership
 - Will also partner for C'est Chill
- New Survey through T4V (Together for Vanier)
 - In 2007/2008 a survey was distributed to the community through Perspectives Vanier
 - Questions of safety and security were the most concerning
 - In the process of creating a new survey to determine how the residents view Vanier now and what can be done to help the neighbourhood move forward
 - Do we need to change direction or do we need to progress in the same direction?
 - The survey will consist of 15 questions; 4 questions will be added since the last survey
 - Trying to maintain most of the questions from the previous survey to draw comparisons
 - Suggestions for new questions:
 - Have you heard of Together for Vanier/the community groups and organizations within it?
 - Are you interested in receiving more information about these committees?
 - **ACTION**
 - Send suggestions for questions to vanierbeautification@gmail.com
 - Survey will be distributed in January or February
 - There will be a forum to release the results in the spring
 - Together for Vanier
 - Acts as an umbrella for all Vanier community-based groups and organizations (i.e., CSCV, VCA, Beautification)
 - Deciding whether to let the partners branch out or to keep T4V
 - Concerned about committees losing connections with each other if T4V were to disband
 - "How to Build a Better Block"
 - This video could serve as inspiration for Vanier neighbourhood development (posted to Vanier Community Association's Twitter): <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ntwqVDzdzqAU>

6. Follow-up to previous agenda items:

- Curio photos / Richelieu Centre lobby
 - Community Safety Award will be put into the curio
 - Embellissement Vanier Beautification was presented with a Volunteer Program award by CPO on November 5th
 - Photos also being put in
- Art and Culture Day "C'est chill" – December 1st
 - Came out of a need to promote Vanier
 - Dominique St-Pierre is the art organizer
 - Based around the bells of Vanier churches which have been recorded, filmed and will be part of the day's music and videos. The bells will ring at the start of the parade
 - The event will have: noisemakers, Santa Claus, Wabano and Capital drummers, free hot chocolate, cider and coffee at Place Dupuis, entertainment at St. Charles Square and a lot of food, among many other things
 - There will be a giant dreamcatcher on the Beachwood side of St. Charles
 - Yarn bombing – yarn will be wrapped around trees, poles, streetlamps, etc.
 - There is a need for discussion re: park and ride for the event, which may not be possible this year given time restraints, but is a good idea for next year
 - Volunteers are still needed; they will receive a scarf and red toque with the C'est Chill logo
 - Contact Geoff at derrymeister@gmail.com to volunteer
- Halloween Event – Partage Vanier (Tina and Stefan)
 - Beautification and VCA did a walkabout to ensure the safety of trick or treaters
 - CSCV served hot apple cider and offered treats all evening outside Partage Vanier
 - Estimated over 250 people showed up
 - 14 new members of VCA
 - Many thanks were sent to CSCV and Fleury's office from community members

7. New business

- Combining CPO's version of our membership list with the one on our Gmail Account
 - Suzan volunteered
 - **ACTION**
 - Nicole Li to send CPO's updated list to Suzan
- Update the meeting announcements in the media (new meeting location)
 - **ACTION**

- Marguerite to confirm that Christina will continue doing media announcements
 - Media to contact: EMC, Perspectives Vanier, CTV Morning Show, Rogers
 - Media must be sent the meeting date every month
- Winter Carnival meeting, November 27th, 7:00 p.m., Richelieu-Vanier Community Centre
 - Meeting is for those helping to organize the event
 - Carnival on February 16th beginning at 10 am. The end time is unknown
 - Irene Franklin will be doing a sculpture

8. Community Partners

- Association communautaire de Vanier (ACV) / Vanier Community Association (VCA)
 - Heartwood house moving into McArthur
 - Umbrella place for non-profit organizations
 - Buddhists looking to move into the old post office and are getting a feel for the community
 - Developing bicycle maps for cycle routes
 - Sustainable Development Committee looking to apply for Better Neighbourhoods grant
 - French Language Teacher's Federation – building will be constructed at 250 Montreal
 - Arguments that the proposed entry and exit location will pose problems because it's a high traffic area for kids going to and leaving school
 - There is the potential for damage to surrounding buildings due to excavation
- Centre des services communautaires de Vanier (CSCV) / Vanier Community Service Centre (VCSC)
 - Snowflake breakfast on December 7th from 7-10 a.m. – entry fee is \$15 per person
 - Goal is to raise \$15,000; last year's event raised \$22,000
 - Partage Vanier is in great need this year as they are currently \$5,000 over budget
- Prévention du crime Ottawa (PCO) / Crime Prevention Ottawa (CPO)
 - Community Safety Awards will be broadcast on Thursday, November 22nd at 8 p.m. on Rogers TV
 - Report on Recommendations from the Gang Symposium will be released on Monday, November 26th
 - Speakers' Series at City Hall on Friday, November 23rd – Madeleine Meilleur will be speaking about the Provincial Crime Prevention Framework
 - Mike is on a year-long leave and will be replaced in January
- Wabano
 - Currently finding someone to replace Christine

9. Other:

- Marguerite to find PDF of living tapestry to post to website
- Garbage cans
 - More garbage cans are needed in Vanier, particularly outside Le Centre Francophone and at Dupuis

10. Next meeting:

- Tuesday, December 18, 2012
- Pot luck and Christmas Cheer – wear your Christmas finery!

Drinks: _____ Food: _____

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