



Embellissement VANIER Beautification

Tuesday, September 18, 2012
Le Centre Francophone
270 Marier Av.
6:30 pm to 8 pm

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MINUTES

1. Welcome and Introductions

Lucie welcomed everyone and introduced Stefan (Elyse's replacement)
Twin boys – 6 + Vincent and Émile- everyone is doing well-Our thoughts are with Elyse
Marguerite is on a well deserved retreat for her special birthday
Next month will be a group photo and 5th anniversary celebration – October 16th

Introductions were done by participants

2. Approval of Minutes from June 26 & July 17, 2012

Minutes were approved by members
July and August meetings to be discussed later

3. Approval of Agenda

Agenda was approved by members

4. News from Co-chairs:

- Lucie needs assistance to sell \$2 I Love Vanier/J'aime Vanier buttons
- \$300 is the amount needed to sponsor a plot in the Vanier Community Garden. Money so far is \$144 and more were sold at the meeting-Contact Lucie for more information & with ideas of where/how to sell them.
 - CSV paid for the making of the buttons- they will make more if needed
 - Thank you to CSCV for producing & donating the buttons.
- Action Vanier's AGM (May 23, 2012).
 - Action Vanier has disbanded.
 - Thank you to Action Vanier for its generous financial support
 - Closed their doors after many years- only consistent outside group who gave some money for the flowers and supplies for Beautification-very grateful
 - They were organizing the "Dejeuner Marc Chaput award" and it will continue to put it on
- The Great McArthur Pop-up Event held September 7, 2012 (letter of appreciation)
 - Attended by some members-received a letter of appreciation for taking part in the event
 - Promoting the new Sonia project across Loblaws

- The Kavanaugh Block Party & Fundraiser for Optimiste Park held September 9, 2012
 - Sheila attended the event
 - They made \$150 in fundraising money
 - Calendars with photos taken by “Domicile”- on sale through the Community Association at \$15
 - Movies in the Park
 - Elaine said it was big success and it went well
 - August night got rained on and it was moved inside the Centre Richelieu-30-40 people attended
 - Ottawa’s Neat Streets Program is terminated for the season.
 - Email of appreciation has been sent to Public Works
 - Terminated for season- sent an e-mail to City to say that it is very much appreciated and hope it comes back next year
 - Visit Mike Bulthuis & Mike’s Vanier Now blog for community news & events
 - Made EMC and encourage to visit their blog-very interesting
 - History of Vanier and activities
 - Marc Daviault’s replacement
 - Matt Hunt is his replacement and because of some resistance from community Denis Gratton wrote an article in le Droit -A bilingual officer will be named
 - Inspector Uday Jaswal is being replaced
 - Stay tuned and the names will be sent with contact information
5. **Follow-up to previous agenda items:**
- Tribute to CPO held June 26, 2012
 - At garden party- small garbage can distributed to 3 staff
 - Wabano tile: 4th row from the point of the southern tip. View it at: <http://www.wabano.com/map/index.html>
 - Thank you for donations for the tile- raised \$300 within 2 weeks
 - Huge success
 - Mapping Ottawa’s Tree Canopy: (Lynne)
 - Undertaken by a sub-committee at the City
 - Photographed in mid 2000- and wanted a comparison to now
 - Lynn backed out
 - CSCV has approved our request for funding in the amount of \$300
 - Thank you CSC Vanier for flowers boxes
 - Graffiti update (Alana)
 - Going really well-Would need help in different neighbourhood –let her know about graffiti
 - Pictures can be sent by e-mail at na.mac2007@gmail.com
 - Sent for 30 tags this week- it comes and goes
 - Wipes and supplies available for members to remove graffiti
 - When sending e-mails to 311 or Alana please cc to Stefan scherry@cscvanier.com
 - Mathieu mathieu.fleury@ottawa.ca and Marc at OPS DaviaultM@ottawapolice.ca
 - Members were encouraged to remove graffiti themselves or get assistance from Allana
 - Newspaper boxes are always tagged
 - Thank you Allana- great job - Vanier rocks
 - Beside EL Mason – white building are not good looking- they need to be cleaned-Call 311 along with pictures- Lauzon Family-Keep on reporting them
 - BIA deals with businesses-Susanne Valiquette
 - BIA 's boundary was expanded-north side of Beechwood
 - Letter from the Minister of Canadian Heritage and Official Languages re: Katimavik
 - Acknowledged the letter of support for Katimavik
 - Flower boxes: Report (Tina)
 - Tina and Elvira- did a big amount of work with the adopt a box
 - Spent all the money – soil – peat moss- annuals- perennials
 - Few boxes that were vandalized
 - The goal is going around and try to replace some of the annuals with perennials

- Looking at adopting more on corners- they need water in the summer-perennials are better and need less water
- Keep in touch with Councillor Fleury's office and see what else can be done
- What do residents need to do to adopt a box- send an e-mail to Marguerite- looking at moving some boxes
- We would need more boxes in Vanier
- City will not water the boxes
- Adopt a corner is another option-Tina is looking for options for next spring
- Boxes in Optimist park- the kids are not respectful- Sheila put them back- trying to keep the boxes and not sure what the plan will be with the renovation (not sure when it will be revamped)

Action:

- Nathaniel to contact the park Optimist to see if they can water the boxes next year

6. New business

- Call for nominations
 - Elections to be held next month-Nominations welcomed:
 - Genevieve proposed Marguerite and Marguerite has accepted
 - Lucie is stepping down
 - Lucie is proposing Tina who is accepting to replace her for co-chairs
 - Nominations to be sent to Embellissement Vanier Beautification at vanierbeautification@gmail.com
- Summer meetings
 - July and August is the busiest time for this group
 - No meetings in summer – holiday season- personal family time
 - E-mails for volunteers for events (movies, watering the flower boxes) can still be sent without meetings
 - A standby list of people to help water the boxes
- Fall Clean-up the Capital (please register for supplies-gloves- bags-etc) www.ottawa.ca
 - Capital clean-up weekend September 28-30. To pick-up your on-line order at Richelieu-Vanier: In the comment section, indicate "pick up at the Richelieu-Vanier Community Centre" & for the location, choose "City Hall"
 - A depot was requested to the City for the drop off- coming Fall
- Date for Fall Clean-up Vanier Day
 - City of Ottawa Clean up the Capital is being held from Sept 15 to October 15
 - Saturday, October 13th- an e-mail will be sent to members
 - Do like last year- clean up the route to the Remembrance day parade
 - Go and check the week before to see if there is items on properties on the route and have them picked up
 - Suggestions: Hannah and Emond Street
 - Serge sends out the kids to clean up
- Family Outreach Program is looking for volunteers. The Program offers respite to low income single parents of Ottawa who have no support. Volunteers give respite by taking a child in their home once a month. Contact person: Céline Paquette Coordonnatrice\Coordinator Programme Familles-entraide\Family Outreach Program: cpaquette@cscvanier.com
- Application for CPO Community Safety Award (request for letters of support to be sent to BIA, CSCV, Councillor Fleury and VCA)
 - Beautification sent an application to be considered
 - Lucie read the letter from Councillor Fleury's office
- Shopping cart consultation-Tina
 - Last week there was a community meeting
 - City is responsible to pick them up
 - Tina and Marguerite attended the meeting- gave a history and talk about it at next meeting
 - Solutions were discussed and more on the item at next meeting

Action:

- Francine to scan copy and send to committee members

7. Community Partners

- Association communautaire de Vanier (ACV) / Vanier Community Association (VCA)

The 2012-2013 VCA Board of Directors

The Executive Board

President: Mike Bulhuis

Vice President: Marc Lafontaine

Secretary: Nick Heisler (Chair, Sustainable Development Committee)

Treasurer: Dan Shipley

Communications Officer: Kristina Sparkes

Membership Officer: Rose Anne Leonard

Other Board members:

Dave Bateman (Chair, Health and Safety Committee)

Gyulia Borbely (Chair, Parks and Recreation Committee)

Geoff Derry

Alexander Golovko

Patrick Simon

2012-13 Priorities

The VCA board held a planning session over the summer and identified the following ten priorities for the Association for the upcoming year. The priorities are a guideline for us to focus our energy but we remain open to any and all concerns and initiatives brought forward by the community.

- advocate for creation of additional safe cycling routes in Vanier
- facilitate development of a resident-led plan towards the renewal of Montreal Road
- advocate for an off-leash dog park in Vanier
- strengthen a resident-based mechanism for addressing safety concerns in Vanier
- build and strengthen our membership
- promote the arts in Vanier
- promote our experience of Vanier with media (become a go-to resource)
- identify and build new relationships with leaders in the community (grow a database)
- fundraising
- continue successful initiatives to enhance parks in Vanier including hosting the Winter Carnival
- Bureau du Conseiller Mathieu Fleury / Councillor Mathieu Fleury's office :
 - No report
- Centre des services communautaires de Vanier (CSCV) / Vanier Community Service Centre (VCS)
 - Clothing give away-Oct 12-Knights of Columbus – 8 to 4 –can be dropped off at CSC Vanier from now till October 11th
 - Tina will be attending the T4V partners committee tomorrow representing Embellissement Vanier Beautification
 - Halloween- night walkabout- for the 4th year- do something at Partage Vanier parking lot-
 - Community bulletin boards in the parks in Vanier is a pilot project and working with Mathieu Fleury's office- looking at people to adopt them-instead of Lamp post
 - Suggestion to have a "Butterfly garden" in Richelieu Park- Stefan to send a e-mail to Marguerite
- Prévention du crime Ottawa (PCO) / Crime Prevention Ottawa (CPO)
 - Annual Report-Sept 20th-CPS-9 :30- available on CPO website-crime in Vanier as gone down 20%
 - Nov 5-Award- nomination deadline is October 2. Invitation to be sent to members
 - Gang Symposium –Wednesday October 17th
- Wabano:
 - Building is completing is winter spring- will update
 - Optimist park –mural sketch is in process-more details to follow
 - Annual general meeting-Friday October 26th- more details to follow

8. Next meeting:

- Tuesday, October 16, 2012 (Elections and 5th anniversary celebration/group photo)
- Refreshments: Drinks:___-food cake___Genevieve___