



Embellissement VANIER Beautification

Tuesday, March 19, 2013
Le Centre Francophone
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MINUTES

Attendance : Marguerite Beaulieu, Tina Delaney, Suzan Proulx, Nathaniel Mullin, Shelia Paterson, Stefan Cherry, Geneviève Déry, Lucie Marleau, Geoff Derry, Lynne Zeitouni, Sundaura Alford, Nicole Li

1. Welcome and Introductions

Marguerite welcomed everyone

2. Approval of Minutes from February 19, 2013

Minutes approved by members

3. Approval of Agenda

Agenda approved by members

4. News from Co-chairs:

- Letter from the VCA
 - o Successful application for Better Neighbourhood Grant
 - o Thank you from Mike Bulthuis
- Thank you letter from Vanier Community Garden
 - o \$300 contribution from Beautification
 - o Mike Bulthuis is no longer the coordinator
 - o New co-coordinators for 2013: Megan and Michah

5. Follow-up to previous agenda items:

- Gamman House Project (Tina)
 - o Sundaura, Tina and Dan worked on a design to give to the city for the application
 - o Features: 5x5 walkway, whole perimeter are gardens, open patio in the centre designed to accommodate community events with a lawn for overflow space
 - o Storage space under the deck to allow for tools and easy maintenance
 - o Traditional garden look
 - o Suggestion to put in an arched arbor at the entrance over the gate at the front
 - o Flexible design
 - o Capital project
 - 50/50 - \$28,000 donation in kind being put forth by Vanier, \$20,000 being put forth by the city
 - Not a cash donation, mostly in time, plants, community development, value, etc.

- Architectural Technologist, Melanie MacGuigan (who created the plant boxes); students from Rideau High will also be assisting
 - There is no lighting right now; the Legion has lighting next door, but unsure how much would bleed into the Gamman House Garden
- o Helena has suggested that applying for the Heritage Capital Grant may be a good idea
- o Probably won't have an answer about the application until October or November
 - Could do stonework in the fall if we receive the grant early enough
- CPO Conference: April 6, registration (Marguerite)
 - o Immaculata High School
 - o Free breakfast, half day
 - o Beautification requested to have a table
 - Flyers and buttons should be there, but the Beautification buttons in stock are defective
 - **Stefan to make 25 or 50 more buttons**
 - Might sell "I Heart Vanier" buttons
 - Consider putting Beautification kits on conference tables
 - o **Marguerite to send reminder about registration**
- Beautification Flyer (Suzan)
 - o 2 prototypes
 - o Suggestions:
 - Put bilingual text on the front panel
 - Reversal of awards in awards section to put 2012 award first (chronological order)
 - **Suzan to make changes**
 - **Send additional suggestions to Marguerite re: these prototypes**
 - o French on one side and English on the other
 - o 4 panels are necessary for the layout and amount of information
 - o Group agreed that the flow of the flyer is good
- "Paint it up" project (Allana)
 - o Working on trying to find a partner, which CSCV is strongly considering
- Awesome project: (Lucie)
 - o Still working on the application – determining what the funds would be used for
- Festival of Nations (Dan Shipley) – Saturday August 24th
 - o Dan met with Neighbourhood Grant to discuss the event
 - o Parade from Wabano to Cyr to the Legion parking lot (potentially)
 - o Scheduling a meeting with event people within the next couple of weeks
 - o The Legion is providing two bandstands, Serge is providing one; currently working on getting bands
 - o Talent show for teenagers – Josée is working with neighbourhood schools, as this portion of the festival is being put together by teenagers
 - o Movies in the Park – Richelieu Park
 - o Most of festival will be on the south side of Montreal Rd and the parking lots surrounding the Legion
 - One of the parking lots will feature antique fire trucks
 - Fix-it bike workshop
 - Cyclist tour of Vanier
 - o Professional and local artists will sell their work
 - o Pauline Charron will have events for most of the afternoon for seniors in English and French
 - Celebration for 100+ age
 - o Tents for community associations and groups
 - o Trying for signage to advertise the event
 - o Looking for a volunteer publicist to put together media packages
 - o Festival of Nations Facebook page; website will be up soon
- 2013 Wish List follow-up
 - o Have a lot of new things on the go, including: Gamman House, Conference, Festival, Flyer, etc.
 - o Beautification can't take charge of new tree planting
 - Would endorse tree planting on Deschamps since they're paving the road
 - The current budget only allows for repaving the road, but there could be a way for the city to dig holes for residents to plant trees
 - o Beautification is not planning to run educational programs for environmental practices at this time
 - o "Welcome to Vanier" signage isn't a Beautification project

- There has been no success with vacant storefronts thus far. Property owners don't want to allow people to enter their businesses
- Not allowed to put vines on hydro poles
- Beautification already works on creating murals
- "Adopt a Neighbour" is a CSCV project, not a Beautification project

6. New business:

None at this time

7. Community Partners:

- Association communautaire de Vanier (ACV) / Vanier Community Association (VCA)
 - 29 residents and 3 non-residents at the last meeting
 - There are currently 215 members of the VCA of a goal of 216
 - Lumière festival (September) put out a call for group participants
 - **Geoff to send this information to EVB**
 - Arts Vanier for local artists
 - Objective to get all kinds of artists from different categories
- Bureau du Conseiller Mathieu Fleury / Councillor Mathieu Fleury's office
 - Community Association doing well in working with city staff; Wayfinding sign process is going well
 - Abandoned properties initiative – changes to the properties standards bylaw
 - The objective is **to** ensure that abandoned buildings look well-maintained, but this will take time
 - Once a proposal is made, Beautification may present at committee to discuss how the abandoned properties are effecting the beautification of the neighbourhood
 - Committee to address this issue may be in April or May
 - **Nathaniel to send this information to EVB**
 - The Forestry department removed the trees in Richelieu Park because of an Emerald Ash Borer infestation
 - Will be replanting the trees hopefully by the end of the spring
 - Grant received from Parks Canada
 - Will take trunks away when snow is gone
- Centre des services communautaires de Vanier (CSCV) / Vanier Community Service Centre (VCSC)
 - Bi-monthly partners meeting tomorrow at 3 p.m. at CSCV
 - Community survey going well; 50 at Partage Vanier today
 - Planning a forum for the survey sometime in May
 - First coffee house last Thursday evening
 - Attempting to move things south of Montreal Road
 - Next month's focus will be Crime Stoppers
 - Received two CDF grant proposals, and are currently trying to figure out what to do with the funds (\$50,000)
 - Partage Vanier looking for empty egg cartons; can bring them to CSCV or Partage Vanier
 - Stefan is starting a project to take pictures of trees in Vanier to create a website
 - Stefan will be gone for the first two weeks of April

8. Other:

- Wabano Open House tomorrow from 5-8 p.m.
- Strategies for dealing with dog waste for discussion at the next meeting

9. Next meeting:

- Tuesday, April 16, 6:30 p.m.
- Refreshments:

Drinks: N/A

Food: N/A

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