



Embellissement VANIER Beautification

<p>Tuesday, March 18, 2014 Le mardi 18 mars 2014 Centre Francophone Centre 270 ave Marier Av. 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. / 18:30h a 20h</p>	<p>Tina Delaney / Co-chair - coprésidente Suzan Proulx / Co-chair - coprésidente www.togetherforvanier.com - www.ensemblepourvanier.com vanierbeautification@gmail.com</p>
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MINUTES

Attendance: Suzan Proulx, Debbie St-Aubin, Lucie Marleau, Jean Michel Rousseau, Dan Shipley, Jacques Carriere, Michelle Nash, Nicole Li, Edith Calder, Tina Delaney, Geneviève Déry, Marguerite Beaulieu, Geoff Derry, Sheila Paterson

1. **Welcome and Introductions**

Members introduced themselves

2. **Approval of Minutes from February 18, 2014 / Approbation du procès-verbal du 18 février 2014**

Minutes were approved

3. **Approval of Agenda / Approbation de l'ordre du jour**

Agenda was approved

4. **News from the Co-chairs / Nouvelles des coprésidente**

- Ordered perennials from Vesseys Seed and Spring as both have 50% discount / *Les vivaces furent commandées de Vesseys et Spring puisqu'ils offrent un rabais de 50%* (Tina)
 - Perennials for Marier Park will be arriving in about a month. Tina will be planting some from her house as well. Permission has been granted from the City to plant here; as long as they are informed, they won't cut the flowers
 - Tina will also plant about a dozen plants at the Cenotaph
- Seedlings started for garden and flower boxes / *Semis ont débuté pour jardins et boîtes à fleurs* (Tina)
 - Empty spaces can be filled with annuals, we have received approval for \$500 for flower boxes and perennial gardens from the VCSC
 - **Marguerite to send a request for funds letter to CSCV re: perennials for a new garden**
- Tickets for the Home and Garden Show / *Billets pour le Salon de l'habitat et du jardin* (Tina)
 - Tickets were distributed

- Safety and Physical Environment Meeting / *Comité de la sécurité et du milieu physique (Suzan) and Cst. Carriere*
 - A solution is being sought to make Bradley rd. safer (i.e., so directions are consistent)
 - Tim Horton's has removed the trees from the property that were being used as a hang out spot
 - Incidences of panhandling have decreased
 - Marc Lafontaine will be sponsoring poop bag boxes in an effort to deal with dog waste on the streets
 - BIA is considering implementing Community Safety Awards for Vanier
 - A partnership with Cig Bin will see changes to cigarette butt disposal bins in hopes that cigarette litter will decrease. The bins will be closed so they can't be sifted through
 - The offset intersection at Goodies will get new signage to deal with vision concerns
 - Robbery audit and patrol training has been in place for the last 3 months
 - Whenever there is a robbery to a non-financial institution, there will be a post-event safety audit. Strategies would be proposed to the owner in terms of safety, particularly in relation to natural surveillance (i.e., CPTED – camera placement, lights, etc.). The store would be given pamphlets for services, but would have no legal enforcement power
 - Summer patrol is being reinstated. The training program begins the first week of May. The BIA will give the four participants a week long course. The goal would be for the patrollers to report graffiti, do street outreach, etc.

5. **Follow-up to previous agenda items / Suivi des points à l'ordre du jour précédent**

- Planning the spring calendar of events / *Planification du calendrier d'évènements hiver et printemps* (Tina)
 - Clean the capital campaign on May 3rd; rain date May 10th
 - An email should be sent to Nathaniel to ensure that street sweeping is done prior to the day
 - This would be a good time to get a crew of people to clean the edges of Richelieu Park. If there are a lot of larger items, a list can be given to the City and they will come collect it. Parks may also be able to do something about the mess
 - **Tina to send an email to the BIA to ask about Broom and Groom and to see if any business reps want to join in cleaning**
 - Jane's Walk – May 4th
 - One member suggested a mural walk
 - EVB will have a table at VeloFest Vanier, June 10th. Everything will be in the Francophone centre parking lot on Marier
- CBC "*Our Ottawa*" / "*Our Ottawa*" de CBC (Tina/Suzan)
 - CBC has not contacted EVB again
 - Rideau Vanier has the highest number of 311 calls in the City. An MA student in Journalism requested an interview with EVB and wanted to write an article about this with the intention of having it published
- Plan for the garden at Optimiste Park / *Planification du jardin au parc Optimiste* (Tina)
 - **Tina has to contact the City around mid-April to discuss a date for digging and adding soil at Marier and Optimiste Park**

6. **New business / Nouvelles affaires**

- Paint It Up Project / *Projet Mettez-y de la peinture* (Suzan)

- Crime Prevention Ottawa requested that EVB bring 3 options to the table; Community Church, Goodies and the pedestrian walkway between Derringer's and Tag Zone were chosen.
 - Goodies is being the most cooperative about involvement
- Jean Michel created the rough draft of the application; the final is due April 3rd
- Mural artist, Nicole Belanger is on board
- CSCV is looking to involve the Boys and Girls Club for the youth component
- "Eyes on Vanier" walkabout / *Rendonné "Yeux sur Vanier"* (Lucie)
 - Lucie distributed a handout re: the roles of walkabout participants. Walkabouts will likely begin in May on Thursday evenings. Questions can be directed to the Crime Prevention Vanier email address: cpv.pcv@hotmail.com
 - The goal is to keep this informal right now in order to generate interest. Further coordination can start if participation takes off
 - Suggestions for the walkabout included: moving "property standards infractions" as something to look for to the bottom of the list as well as developing an achievable goal for people to work toward
- New Graffiti Buster needed / *À la recherche d'un nouvel Éliminateur de graffiti* (Tina)
 - Debbie offered herself and John to be the new graffiti busters
- Vanier Festival of/des Nations (Dan/Geoff)
 - Saturday, August 23rd on or around Montreal rd. will have a similar focus and atmosphere as last year
 - Sunday, August 24th will be family focused with a combination art, storytelling, music, workshops and movies in the park at Richelieu Vanier Community Centre and Park
 - Dan pitched the idea of using the parking lot behind the Ottawa Inn as a possible venue. The group expressed mixed opinions on this
 - **Dan to send out a call for local storytellers and a volunteer sign-up sheet through EVB's mailing list**

7. **Community Partners / Partenaires communautaires**

- Vanier Community Association (VCA) / *Association communautaire de Vanier (ACV)*
 - The City has gone ahead with the plan to create a bike lane connecting Hemlock to Scott street
- Councillor Mathieu Fleury's office / *Bureau du Conseiller Mathieu Fleury*
- Vanier Community Service Centre (VCSC) / *Centre des services communautaires de Vanier (CSCV)*
 - The welcoming guide for new residents is coming together. The goal is to have it completed before late spring, early summer so it can be distributed at all the seasonal events. The working group is meeting on Friday, March 21. Lucie will attend for EVB until Suzan joins at the next meeting

8. **Round Table / Tour de table**

9. **Next meeting / Prochaine réunion**

- Tuesday, April 15, 2014, 6:30 p.m. / *le 15 avril 2014 à 18:30h*
- Refreshments / rafraîchissements

Beverages / *brevages* : Suzan Food / *nourriture* : Lucie