



**Together for Vanier Meeting
September 18th, 2017
Vanier Community Service Centre (VCSC)
Minutes**

Present:

Helena Arruda (VCSC), Nancy Worsfold (Crime Prevention Ottawa), Melanie Clement (Office of Councillor), Emeline Sparkes (Office of Councillor), Philippe Denault (SOS Vanier), Dan Rees (Boys and Girls Club), Cst. Kenney (Ottawa Police Services); Rose Anne Leonard (Velo-Vanier), Frederic Lorquet, Ottawa Community Housing

Guest: Ginette Gratton

Regrets:

Lucie Marleau (CPV), Paul Beauchamps (Boys and Girls Club), Mathieu Fleury (City councillor), Neal McCarten (VCA), Tamara Henry (Multi Housing Initiative), Lauren Touchant (VCA), Cst. Jackalyn GETZ (Crime Stoppers Ottawa)

Minutes: Rose Anne Leonard

- 1. Approval of the agenda**
 - a. approved
- 2. Approval of past minutes**
 - a. Approved with changes
 - i. Rose Anne Leonard was present.
- 3. Follow-up from minutes**
- 4. Varia**

Constellation Vanier (new project)-Ginette Gratton-Ethel Côté

Mme. Ginette Gratton proposed a project for Vanier designed to build community pride, leadership and esprit. The objective is to explore the values that Vanier upholds, and to articulate a community vision for the neighbourhood, and for Montreal Road in particular--not just as asphalt and sidewalks, but in terms of the relationship between the street and the residents. The results of the exercise will inform the 2018 visioning work for the 2019 physical reconstruction of Montreal Road.

Mme. Gratton requested support from members of T4V in broadcasting an invitation to a forum planned for October, to their contacts in Vanier. The members of T4V agreed to this support.

SOS Vanier (info-update) –Emeline Sparkes (Councillor’s office)

Councillor Fleury's office hosted information sessions in July in response to the public reaction to the proposal from the Salvation Army to build a men's shelter with support services on Montreal Road. As a result of concerns expressed by residents, ten working groups were established to promote rejection or modification of the proposal. Groups have been researching, among other topics, the non-alignment with the city plan, the rezoning issues and best practices in finding housing for homeless people. The working groups will continue to address the Salvation Army Proposal.

The councillor sponsored transportation by bus to the Salvation Army's Open House event on September 13, to allow residents to attend more easily. The event was held outside of Vanier.

Over 400 comments were received by the City Planning department on this file. For a comparison, most proposals receive very few comments, and the Chateau Laurier project, of city wide interest, attracted 1000 comments.

Community Liaison position at Vanier CSC(update)-Helena

- a. Jean Michel has left the CSCV for a position with the French School Board. Funding for his role within T4V no longer exists; however, the group will continue to meet.

Halloween Fun Zones (discussion-planning)- VCSC and VCA

VCA and the Councilor's Office will support the Halloween Fun Zone in front of Partage Vanier. There will also be an event at École élémentaire publique Mauril-Bélanger and the VCA will consider hosting one in a Vanier park. The Boys and Girls Club was invited to participate in some way. To provide more information, Helena will send the existing document on how to set up a fun zone to the Boys and Girls Club.

Vanier Social Pediatric Hub (update)-Vanier CSC/Helena

This project is based on work done by Dr. Julien and models itself on the Social Pediatric Centres in Quebec. It combines many partners to address the needs of vulnerable families in Vanier: e.g. CHEO, Orkidstra, Monfort Hospital, Centre psychosocial, Youth Services Bureau, Crossroads, Sandy Hill Community Health Centre, University of Ottawa.

It will offer a broad range of medical and health and wellness promotion activities that will address all aspects of child/youth development, including physical, mental and social development, through recreational, sports-related, cultural and artistic activities.

Bike about -Vélo Vanier (info-stats)-

The Vélo-Vanier bike loan program has had its most active year to date.

- Velo-Vanier supported a new Bike-about program, modeled on the “eyes-on-Vanier” walk-abouts. Three youth toured Vanier two mornings per week for eight weeks to report on graffiti, unkempt properties, etc.
- Over 100 loans for up to one month to individuals who were residents of Vanier
- Every week for 10 weeks the program provided 12 bicycles for outings for Focus-Ado, a summer program for youth.
- The program provided bikes for the summer camp program for children 6-12 and to the Focus Ado youth program, so that participants could take training in safe cycling from Can-Bike.
- Two community bike rides and three bike fixing workshops were successful.

5. Updates from partners:

- . CSCVanier
 - “The Happenings,” six Wednesday evenings of outdoor activity (Zumba, bike repair, car seat clinics) in the parking lot of Centre Francophone were well attended.
 - The launch of the Snowflake Breakfast, CSCV’s annual fundraiser for Partage Vanier foodbank, will be held on October 13. Partners are encouraged to sell tickets to the event.
- Crime Prevention Ottawa
 - The refreshed “Ottawa Street Violence and Gang Strategy” will be presented to the CPO board for ongoing implementation. The four key priorities are neighborhoods, prevention (by supporting families of young men involved in high risk activity), intervention (investigating lucrative alternatives e.g. school and job opportunities) and enforcement.
 - All current projects are continuing.
 - Consultations related to street violence and gangs in neighborhood’s have shown that
 - people’s concerns are related to the ongoing grind of incivility and aggression, including the threat of the use of weapons.
 - relations are good with community police but challenges exist in OPS engagement to address issues.
- Councillor’s Office
 - Community engagement events have been successful:
 - A corn roast at Optimist Park raised money to cover costs and attracted a large and diverse crowd of neighbours
 - East Feast was extremely successful
 - Seventy people attended *Movies in the Park* at Nault Park, an initiative in partnership with CSC Vanier.
- The Boys and Girls Club of Ottawa

- There are 994 members; over the 201 days of this year, there have been 24,500 visits to the club recorded.
- Transportation programs are starting up for school
 - Walking program from schools to the club and
 - School bus drop off at the club.
- Fundraising to support the music program at the boys and girls club was successful; music and dance are areas of growing interest.
- The in-school program which was at Rideau HS has moved to Gloucester HS with the participants.
- Ottawa Community Housing (OCH)
 - Throughout the summer, OCH continued its outreach and community building programs.
 - Outreach at Richelieu Court spread the word on who to call for security issues.
 - After four years of organizing community outreach events at OCH property on Belisle Street, that community took over the organization of a picnic, popcorn and “Movies in Park” event. OCH and CSCV were able to play the role of guests at this event, and celebrate a great return on investment in community development.
- Ottawa Police Service (OPS)
 - Requests for more police presence on Montreal Road have been made by the residents and the community police constable. OPS has responded to these requests. Residents must continue to request police presence and not presume that the service will be pro-active.
 - Cst. Kenney reported that there were no new developments regarding arson in Vanier and that investigations were ongoing.
- Crime Prevention Vanier

Current activities:

 - WISE (Women's Initiatives for Safer Environments) community safety audit facilitator training on Sept. 21
 - OPS Strategic Initiative Implementation Community Advisory Group meeting on Sept. 19.
 - Two safety walkabouts along Mtl Rd and nearby streets resulted in 23 reports to 311, Councillor's office, and Community Police Officer
 - As a result of the walkabouts, a request was made to add 3 locations to those visited by the Needle Hunters bringing the total to 32 sites in Vanier
 - Continued advocacy for a VCA Safety Committee + additional focus on crime-prevention-through-beautification (ex. bring back Adopt-a-flower-box & Adopt-a-trash-can).
 - Invitation to Mayor's breakfast September 25
 - Light Your Porch:
 - New Light Your Porch! poster

- Received 250 lightbulbs (double pack - bonus!) from EnviroCentre & offer to do a small media & social media event to promote the project
- Requesting ideas for a Winter project on Light Your Porch
- Neighbourhood Watch Program:
 - NWProgram info session on August 29 with a promo article in Ottawa Community News. 17 of the 18 participants signed up for a new Watch (south side of Mtl Rd!) on Richelieu/Frontenac.
 - Total Watches in Vanier: 11 representing 250+ residents (9 north side + 2 south side)
 - Meeting with potential new watch on Perrier Oct. 5
 - Rec'd a Loblaws gift card from CSCVanier for snacks for upcoming NWP info sessions
 - Benches on Marier at Shakespeare adopted by new captain of the Longpré Watch with support from Shakespeare captain
 - Crack house on Émond shut down—a big win for Émond NW
 - Participating in bi-weekly street clean-up on Émond
 - Promotion of our new Virtual Neighbourhood Watch option on-going - for residents who can't, or prefer not to, join a traditional Watch but yet want to be kept informed
- Arson fires in Vanier:
 - 6 since April 2017 and total of 9 since August 2016
 - Advocating for increased awareness so residents are better informed - i.e. bylaw, OPS, Councillor, Fire Dept.
 - Contributed to an article to appear in this week's Perspectives
 - Prepared an arson/fire prevention & protection tips info sheet - pending translation & will be ready in the coming days

Other

- Neglect of Carillon Park: made reports to 311/Councillor's office re: broken benches/ peeling paint, graffiti and etchings on the picnic table. Please keep this park in mind for a community event - Halloween Zone, community BBQ, etc.
- Reminder: Outdoor Brochure Holder lending program - for promotion of upcoming community events

Next meeting: November 20, 2017 Ottawa Room at Vanier Community Service Centre.