



## Vars Community Association

Meeting Minutes  
March 6 2009

### **Opening:**

The regular meeting of the Vars CA was called to order at 6:54 PM on March 6 at St-Guillaume School's library by Gary Larocque.

### **Present:**

Gary Larocque, Darlene Brown, Linda Payant, Barb Lavictoire, Joanne Gravelle, Linda Ablack, Christine Flood, Erik Lemieux, H el ene Manning-Lemieux

**Excused:** Jean S equin

**Absent:** Nicolina Kingston, Scot Lemieux

### **A. Approval of Agenda**

The agenda was unanimously approved as distributed.

### **B. Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the previous meeting were unanimously approved as distributed by e-mail to board members. Work in progress for posting on website Vars.ca

### **C. Conflict of interest**

- None raised

### **C. Open Issues**

- 1) Priorities of residents (ideas, projects, issues...)
  - Website for communication (issue #1). Residents not aware that the calendar is up and running.
  - Have new signs at the entrance of Village (2-3 signs), or recycle one of the old one to put on Devine Rd.
  - Registration for baseball through Navan School, to look at promotion ideas (ie. Monthly Bulletin electronically) by contacting the principal. There are 20-30 children from the area at Navan School.
  - Advertisement of resident when webpage is up and running on the billboard at the park.
  - Cost of baseball diamond renting has increased, but no change for the minor league.
- 2) Expectation from the Board
  - To help initiate the Neighbourhood Planning Initiative project, keep things moving.

- 3) Interrelationship with other communities
  - CASAVA in the past, not active at the moment. Plan for future.
  - Mention of Limoges, Embrun... (but not part of City of Ottawa), might be problematic.
  - Partnership with the Optimist Club for kids and residents.
  
- 4) Communicate with residents
  - Website is #1
  - Talk about the past: Bugle, monthly letters.
  
- 5) Volunteer opportunities
  - Volunteers needed for the May 1<sup>st</sup> Supper and other activities to come (5-6 for prep, 6-7 to clean)
  - Flyers for next supper to handout announcing the Vars CA general meeting on April 3<sup>rd</sup> and also the upcoming meeting May 1<sup>st</sup> for the CCC/NPI public consultation. Talk about the Octogone Club to organise a movie for kids.
  
- 6) Updates on:
  - Cenotaph
    - Morley unable to attend tonight, will come next meeting with info
    - There was a lower estimate for resurfacing
    - Kinsella in 1991 had looked to rejuvenate, to ask info
  - Puddle rink
    - Unable to put on the east side of building because of septic field
    - Best place between the rink and the T-Ball field.
    - Cost about \$400-700
    - Will need more money for taking care of the ice next year (sponsors?)
    - Budget: just made under because of warmer weather, will need more volunteers/supervisors next year. This year 207 hours paid, and 104 volunteer hours.
  
- 7) Activities coming up:
  - July 1<sup>st</sup>
    - In partnership with the Optimist Club
    - Looking for 1 or 2 bands (1 in English, 1 Bilingual), Barb will contact Ginette
    - Will be inflatables, firework with Civic funds
    - More money with partnership so bigger and better
    - Need a joint meeting ASAP
  - Day in the Park in partnership with the Optimist Club baseball tournament
    - To promote 'ice supervisor volunteer' during the event
  - BBQ: date to be confirmed
    - Discussion about Victoria day (on the Monday May 18) with the Civic funding vs. September long weekend
    - DEADLINE: April 2<sup>nd</sup> to apply for Civic funding

- To call a meeting ASAP, and Linda will get back if a dual application for July 1<sup>st</sup> is possible, in the event a date is impossible to organize.

**D. New Business**

- From Linda Payant: Rob Jellet representative
  - A public advisory is out about Block Parent no longer operating as of the Fall 2008. The communication out on February 24<sup>th</sup> 2009 is with the Secretary. All signs have to be returned to the Ottawa Police Department.
  - Bylaws driving around for house number (blue sign at the road), to contact 311 to have your sign.

**E. Agenda for Next Meeting**

- Next general meeting, Christine will have a suggestion box
- Flyers to be done by H el ene to announce the upcoming Vars CA meetings and CCC

**Adjournment:**

Meeting was adjourned at 8:07 PM by Gary Larocque. The next meeting will be at 7:00 PM on March 19 2009 at St-Guillaume School's library.

Minutes submitted by: H el ene Manning-Lemieux

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