



**Board Minutes
Of the Friends of Lafayette Park
November 12, 2013**

Attendees: Jeff Stoiber, Tim McDonough, Kimberly Cestari, Ana Irizarry, Paul Rosenbaum, Judy Goodman and Tad Stewart [Meeting held at Kimberly's house]

Web Site: Ana announced she plans to leave the board, and is possibly moving to New York. The board expressed its deep gratitude to Ana for all her work, and discussed how to cover her work on the website. Ana suggested finding a volunteer in the short term to update the website, clean-up day flyer, and annual fundraising mailer; and to cover her other responsibilities. Ana mentioned she knew of someone who might be interested.

DPR & DGS: The board discussed that the FOLP has raised issues with both departments and received minimal response. FOLP would like to meet with either department on erosion issues, redeveloping the rec center, and adding recycling bins to the park (which the city would empty).

No one on the board has seen the draft plans for the Lafayette School renovations, but the work has expanded and timeframe delayed a year. There is high interest in seeing these plans, and possibly tying in the rehab of the rec center at the same time.

Garden Group: Judy mentioned the group needs new, additional volunteers, perhaps retirees who might be interested. She mentioned getting the word out on the Listserv. She praised the work accomplished on the clean-up day, particularly on the berm area, which now looks much better. She said the water bags on the new trees are not effective – often there is no water in them and they cover the roots when it does rain. Casey Trees recommended using the bags for two years, however.

Financial & Fundraising: Tim presented the Treasurer's report. He noted that FOLP had a balance of \$6,099.33 as of Oct. 31, 2013. Of that, \$555 is earmarked for the Rosenbaum Memorial. The work on upgrading the FOLP website is completed, at a total cost of \$1,742, just slightly above the \$1,670 proposal price. The cost estimates for the annual fundraising mailer is about \$2 per piece mailed. He plans to mail 700 after Thanksgiving, with 50 left over to use during the year. Tim proposed the FOLP purchase new garbage

bin liners for the park's trash receptacles– plastic liners from Victor Stanley, and budget \$250.

Tennis: Paul updated the board on the fall tennis program, saying it had 130 attendees and went well. He plans to talk to the DGS about having the courts resurfaced at the city's expense.

Fall Clean Up: The feedback from the fall clean-up day was very positive. There were about 20-25 volunteers. The picnic (first-time done, at least recently) was felt to be successful, although few volunteers stayed for the hot dogs and hamburgers on the grill. It was a nice way to end the clean up.

New Business: The board discussed honoring Bill Mullan for his longtime service in volunteering for the garden – many, many years. The board discussed planting a tree in his honor with a plaque paying tribute to him. This would be done at the spring clean-up day.

The board also discussed getting a new board member to replace Ana.

Next Meeting: The next meeting was scheduled for Jan. 22, 2014, at Judy's house at 7:30 p.m.