



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

Attendees: Jeff Stoiber, Tim McDonough, Ana Irizarry, Judy Goodman, Dave Schauer, Paul Rosenbaum, Tad Stewart and Rachel PremDas from DPR
[Meeting held at Tim's house.]

Minutes: Minutes for the March 28, 2013, meeting were approved.

Web Site: Ana discussed various options for upgrading the FOLP's online presence, including Facebook and other options. Due to limited resources for maintaining a wide array of online options, however, the board decided to proceed with a plan to just upgrade the FOLP website. The board also set a goal of trying to put more news out on the listserv regarding FOLP.

Financial & Fundraising: Tim presented the Treasurer's report. He noted that FOLP has a balance of \$9,447.47 as of May 31, 2013. Of that, \$555 is earmarked for the Rosenbaum Memorial.

The FOLP received a letter from the IRS saying its tax return was incomplete. Tim responded to the IRS, was a minor oversight, and he has taken care of the matter.

Dog Waste Project: The board discussed briefly the project to place dog waste containers in the park, and the consensus was the board still needed more community feedback. There was also the sense that the cost was running high -- for the initial capital outlay then ongoing costs to maintain and service the containers.

Garden: Judy said volunteers have worked on cleaning up the berm, but more work is still needed. She was looking for a volunteer to water the newly planted trees over the summer. She said the water bags are not working properly and they cover the tree's root ball for when it does rain.

The board discussed the need to recruit some younger volunteers to work on the garden. The work is getting somewhat overwhelming for the existing

volunteers. The board discussed having signs made seeking volunteers for the garden group. Tim mentioned he has a list of people who indicated they are interested in volunteering.

Tennis: Paul said the spring tennis group is finishing its season, and the program had a lot of support and interest.

He said he selected a nice spot near the tot lot, under a tree for the memorial bench for his daughter.

Spring Clean-Up: The spring clean up on April 27 was considered a huge success. Casey Tree volunteers planted a number of trees around the park, and many neighborhood volunteers assisted as well as participated in the clean-up. FOLP provided lunches for the volunteers, donated by Occasions caterer.

New Rec Center: It was noted that DC Councilmember Muriel Bowser supports renovating and expanding the rec center. The board plans to get assistance through her office when the time comes to begin the project.

New Business: None brought up.

Next Meeting: The next meeting was scheduled for Sept. 18, 2013, at Jeff's house at 7:30 p.m.