



**Board Minutes
Of the Friends of Lafayette Park
September 17, 2013**

Attendees: Jeff Stoiber, Tim McDonough, Kimberly Cestari, Steve Agostino, Paul Rosenbaum and Tad Stewart [Meeting held at Jeff's house]

Web Site: The new FOLP website has been completed. Board members praised it highly as a wonderful improvement; and recognized Ana for all her work.

Financial & Fundraising: Tim presented the Treasurer's report. He noted that FOLP had a balance of \$7,548.82 as of Aug. 31, 2013. Of that, \$555 is earmarked for the Rosenbaum Memorial. There is about \$900 owed for the work on the website.

He said the fall campaign letter will be mailed to the community right after Thanksgiving. He said the IRS notified FOLP that there will be no penalty or further action for inadvertently making a minor error on the tax returns. The matter has been corrected and resolved.

Later in the meeting there was a brief discussion regarding how to spend the existing funds in the FOLP account – either find projects each year, or possibly leave the funds in the account for major projects in the future. No firm decision was reached, but the board seemed to be leaning toward maintaining the funds in the account for larger projects in the future as projects come up.

DPR: The renovations to Lafayette School have been postponed one year to 2015-16. That raised the question whether the FOLP's goal to expand and renovate the rec center in the park should be delayed, or should FOLP move forward with the proposed project in conjunction with the city. The board agreed to proceed with the project. As a first step, the drawings and plans would need to be presented to the ANC, and continue through the process from that point.

Garden & Casey Trees: It was time to remove the water bags from the newly planted trees. Also, it was stated that the berm in the park near the playground is in desperate need of cleaning up during the fall clean-up day.

Additional Bench: Another green bench will be installed. Cost for the bench and concrete pad is about \$1,800. Sufficient funds are currently in the account.

Tennis: Paul updated the board on the summer tennis program, saying it had been well attended.

He noted that the cost to resurface two of the courts with a soft surface would be about \$16,000 versus about \$12,000 for a normal surface. He said a separate fund raiser for this work likely would get a strong response.

Fall Clean Up: The Fall clean up was scheduled for Nov. 2 from 9 a.m. to noon. The board decided to expand the usual routine and offer volunteers a picnic lunch -- hamburgers and hotdogs on the grill. If possible, live music would be arranged, as well as the lobster truck, if available. Board members volunteered to take care of various responsibilities needed for planning the clean-up day and picnic.

Bench Project: An Eagle Scout in the neighborhood volunteered to build a wooden bench for the park. The board would get back to him as to where to place the bench.

New Business: None brought up.

Next Meeting: The next meeting was scheduled for Nov. 12, 2013, at Kimberly's house at 7:30 p.m.