



**Board Minutes
Of the Friends of Lafayette Park
March 18, 2014**

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

Minutes: Minutes for the January 22, 2014 meeting were approved.

New Board Member: David Madland was welcomed as a new board member.

The board agreed it needs a new board member to handle the website and web/online work. A third party contractor is doing the web/online work now.

Financial & Fundraising: Tim presented the Treasurer's report. He noted that FOLP had a balance of \$13,505.87 as of Feb. 28, 2014. He said donations are still coming in from the fall campaign. In addition, FOLP has received \$2,500 plus \$555 for two benches, which will be ordered. One is the Gonzalez family bench, and the other is the Rosenbaum memorial bench. There is also a third bench for which money is being raised, but not a sufficient amount at this point to purchase the bench.

Tim recommended the board move forward with installing the Doodie Calls dog waste containers, since there are sufficient funds. He also plans to order new 39-gallon plastic garbage can liners from Victor Stanley for the park's trash receptacles, budget \$250

DPR & DGS: Dave Schauer discussed a recent meeting with city officials regarding upgrades to Lafayette Park. The officials said they would like to receive input from FOLP. The city is planning \$1 million for upgrades to Lafayette park. The board discussed how best to provide input to the city, as well as receive input from the community. The city plans to hold public meetings to solicit community input. Among the projects FOLP would like to discuss with the city include: erosion control; artificial turf at the top of the hill; repair the walking paths; improve the lighting; and some improvements to the baseball field and track. An issue that needs to be included in the planning is that the school renovations will use the ballfield as the staging area. So any improvements should be delayed until after the school renovations are complete, which may be in two years or more.

ANC: A new member of the ANC visited the board meeting. The board discussed the various activities and accomplishments of FOLP. She stayed for just this part of the meeting.

Garden Group: Judy mentioned the group was inactive during the winter, but looking forward to spring. There are funds to buy plants and flowers, and pay for labor on an as-needed basis.

Other: Steve Agostino will be the FOLP's representative to the Chevy Chase Citizens Association.

Tennis: Paul said he will look into having part of the \$1 million budget for improvements to the park include resurfacing the tennis courts.

Spring Clean Up Day: The board made additional plans for the April clean-up day -- getting sand, working on the berm and addressing some of the erosion. A \$2,000 grant from the ANC has been applied for to fix the erosion at the steps on 33rd Street.

Next Meeting: The next meeting was scheduled for May 13 (later to 21), 2014, at 7:30 p.m. at Tim's house.