



**Board Minutes
Of the Friends of Lafayette Park
August 21, 2014**

Attendees: Jeff Stoiber, Tim McDonough, Kimberly Cestari, Steve, Agostino, David Madland, Kristin Ortiz and Tad Stewart

Minutes: Minutes for the May 12, 2014, meeting were approved.

Web Site: A volunteer to handle updates to the website may have been found, and the person will be contacted. However, for the long term, a new board member is needed to handle the website and web/online work.

Financial & Fundraising: Tim presented the Treasurer's report. He noted that FOLP had a balance of \$7,863.86 as of July 30, 2014. He summarized the status of the installation of benches funded by donations. FOLP had received \$2,500 for one bench (Gonzalez); but the bench cost \$1,750 and the new cement pad cost \$1,000 (FOLP made up the \$250 difference). For a second bench that was installed (Rosenbaum), donors have contributed \$1,205 so far, with total cost of the bench and pad was \$2,750. Tim again suggested that in the future, the quoted price of a bench be \$3,000 to cover all costs if someone wants to raise funds for a park bench. For a third bench (Smolka), donors have contributed \$840 so far, and once \$3,000 has been raised, a bench will be ordered.

Tim renewed the Directors E&O insurance policy and the two-year DC filing.

The board agreed to proceed with purchasing new 39-gallon plastic garbage can liners for the park trash receptacles, a cost of \$250 total.

The mulch delivery was completed, paid for by the ANC grant.

The board decided to hold off installing the Doodie Calls dog waste containers due to the planned renovations to the park. The receptacles likely would be taken down and damaged or lost during the construction.

The DC Friends Charter between FOLP and the city will be completed and updated. Kimberly Cestari will take the lead in updating and completing the paperwork, and assisted, if needed, by Tad Stewart.

DPR: The renovation work for Lafayette Park is scheduled to begin in late September, however the plans and drawings have not yet been finalized. The board discussed a number of flaws in the proposed plans. Jeff Stoiber will contact DPR to discuss making a number of needed changes. A public meeting will be held in September. However the meeting would be only a few weeks prior to the beginning of construction, leaving little time to input any suggestions from the community.

Lafayette School Renovations: The DCPS administration has proposed three schemes for renovating Lafayette School. Schemes number 1 and 2 are workable, with some modifications. Scheme number 3 was impractical and unworkable, the board felt. Work at the school is supposed to begin in March.

Garden: Kristen Ortiz summarized recent extensive work on all the gardens in the park, but said the work is too much for her and the few volunteers that help her. She said more volunteers are needed, or FOLP should hire some part-time labor. The board agreed to hire some labor to get the garden work caught up.

Chevy Chase Community Association: Steve Agostino said Chevy Chase day is Sept. 13 and he plans to set up a table for FOLP.

Fall Cleanup: FOLP set the fall cleanup day for Oct. 25, 9-12. The board discussed how to best publicize the cleanup and plans an email blast and flyers to neighbors bordering the park.

Next Meeting: The next meeting was scheduled for October 1, 2014, at 7:30 p.m. at Kristen's house.