



**Board Minutes
Of the Friends of Lafayette Park
February 4, 2016**

Attendees: President Jeff Stoiber, Tad Stewart, David Madland, Judy Goodman, Steve Agostino, Paul Rosenbaum and Dennis Smyth.

Minutes: Minutes for the November 12, 2015, meeting were approved without revision.

Treasurer's Report: The treasurer submitted his report. Tim McDonough said the donations and installation plans for two new park benches are on track. The benches have been ordered and will be installed when the weather is warmer. He said the fall campaign raised \$6,667, and the mail campaign costs were \$1,351.28. In his report, he outlined a number of transition responsibilities and tasks needed in handing over the role to a new treasurer. He will file the 2015 tax returns.

The board then discussed at some length with urgency the process for and developing leads for finding a new board treasurer (since the Tim McDonough is stepping down from the board after many years of service). Several board members have leads, which they planned to follow up. The board also agreed to hire a temp bookkeeper to handle some of the finances (which are limited). An announcement will be placed in the Chevy Chase Community Association newsletter and on the Chevy Chase listserv. An ad will be placed in the Northwest Current.

"Friends Group" Status: The application for the designation as an official "Friends" group is nearly complete. What remains are the "clean hands" certification from the city, and a letter from the ANC when the application is ready to be filed.

The board discussed finding an attorney or accountant to handle the "clean hands" paperwork DC requires for renewing the FOLP "Friends" agreement with the city.

School and Park Renovation Projects: Regarding the school renovation, one of the main concerns has been how the school project plans to contain runoff storm water. The initial proposal of a bio-retention pond at the southeast corner of the park, which neighbors challenged, seems no longer under discussion. Indications are the school is considering a roof garden on the school and a drainage system for the water running off the park down to the ballfields. But the issue has not yet been fully resolved.

DGS: DGS is initiating the early stage of the process for building a new rec center at the park, to be a larger facility than the current facility. An RFP for the design is going out.

FOLP also plans to continue to monitor the impact of the school renovation project on the park and later coordinate with DGS to address any damage. There are also some outstanding issues from the park renovation itself from early 2015.

Clean-up Day: The Spring Clean-up day will be Thursday, April 21, in the evening. This change from the normal Saturday clean-up is to have FOLP coordinate with and support a Lafayette School parents group planning a park "greening" project that day.

The photos from the fall clean-up day will be added to the FOLP website.

Gardens: The board agreed to plant a special plant in honor of Merrill's years of work at the park. Something she would like, but low key.

Tennis: Paul said there is still no resolution from the city regarding the cracks in the new surfaces of the tennis courts. He had earlier sent photos to DGS. He has been in contact with Councilman Brandon Todd's staff and is waiting for a response. He stressed that the city needs to address this situation with the contractor before the cracks get even worse from the winter weather.

New Business: None

Next Meeting: The next meeting was scheduled for March 22, 2016, at 7:30 p.m. at Judy Goodman's home.