



**Board Minutes
Of the Friends of Lafayette Park
Jan. 26, 2017**

Attendees: President Jeff Stoiber, Kimberly Cestari, Tad Stewart, Dennis Smyth and Judy Goodman. And Jane Kratovil, bookkeeper.

Minutes: Minutes for the Nov. 17, 2016, meeting were approved without revision.

FOLP Board: Two members of the board, Steve Agostino and David Madland, have decided to step off the board after years of service. The board unanimously approved a resolution by Jeff Stoiber thanking both Steve and David for their tremendous service and all their work for Lafayette Park over the years. And the board wishes them all the best in their future ventures.

The board said it would begin to look for new board members, particularly from younger families.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Dennis Smyth presented the treasurer's report, summarizing various expenses, including garden maintenance, fall clean-up expenses, and the end-of-the-year fund-raising mailing, among others. To date, FOLP has received about \$6,800 in donations. The board said it would set FOLP expenditures according to the amount of funds raised.

Status of FOLP: In response to the other friends park group being founded, FOLP board agreed to stay the course with what FOLP has been doing for the park and the community since 1999, and continue with physical improvements and upkeep for Lafayette Park; and to emphasize the FOLP's accomplishments over the years. FOLP plans to be positive and work with the other group as the need arises. The board passed a resolution: That the FOLP certainly will be cooperative and friendly towards the other friends group, and work together on ad hoc projects where the two groups' interests overlap.

School and Park Update: The board continued its discussion of several ongoing issues in the park. These include ongoing problems with erosion and repairing sidewalks. FOLP will provide input into the discussions surrounding the city's plans to renovate and expand the park's rec center. The board is interested in exploring if the community felt construction fatigue after the impact to the community from the lengthy renovations to

Lafayette School, and prior to that, the renovations of the park itself, when a large part of the park was closed to the public.

Spring Clean-Up Day: The spring clean-up day was tentatively scheduled for April 29.

The next meeting was scheduled for March 23, 2017.