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**Board Minutes  
Of the Friends of Lafayette Park  
March 28, 2017**

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

**Minutes:** Minutes for the Jan. 26, 2017, meeting were approved without revision.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Dennis Smyth presented the treasurer's report, summarizing various expenses, including garden maintenance. To date, FOLP has received about \$7,400 in donations. The IRS Form 990 has been completed. The board again said it would track FOLP expenditures according to the amount of funds raised. The board also voted to support the Friends of Chevy Chase Circle organization, which is raising funds to make improvements to the circle gardens and fountain.

**Status of FOLP:** In response to the other friends park group recently founded, Jeff met with a member of the board of the new friends group. He said they explored common ground where both groups could cooperate.

**School and Park Update:** The board continued its discussion of several ongoing issues in the park. These include ongoing problems with erosion, particularly the southeast corner of the park. FOLP plans to continue to work with the city to finish the work still not complete from the park renovation and recently the school renovation. Regarding the potential plans to upgrade the park's rec center, FOLP plans to be involved as needed, and as the plans for the center become more clear. It will work to get an understanding of what the neighborhood wants,

**Spring Clean-Up Day:** The spring Park clean-up day was rescheduled for May 6. The board discussed promoting the clean-up day on the Chevy Chase listserv, flyers in the community and signs in the park.

**Garden Group:** The amount of time and work now required to maintain the gardens around the perimeter of the park is getting costly and too burdensome for the small group of volunteers who have done the beautiful gardening work for years. They no longer can keep up with it all. Hourly labor is being hired to support them. However, FOLP is looking for new volunteers to take over the work to keep the gardens in shape.

Judy plans to meet with Merrill, one of the foremost garden volunteers for years, to plan gardening work for the spring and summer.

**Tennis:** The board plans to set up a link to Paul on the FOLP website for any questions about the tennis program.

**New Business:** It was suggested that the bike share program in D.C. set up a station in Lafayette Park. A board member plans to contact the bike share program.

The next meeting was scheduled for May 23, 2017.