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**Board Minutes  
Of the Friends of Lafayette Park  
September 18, 2017**

**Attendees:** President Jeff Stoiber, Kimberly Cestari, Tad Stewart, Judy Goodman and Paul Rosenbaum.

And the Board of the Friends of Lafayette Recreation Center and Park (FoLRAP): President Elizabeth Engel, Patty Myler, Laura Phinizy, Anslie Stokes; and Keith Jones.

**Minutes:** Minutes for the May 23, 2017, FOLP board meeting were approved by the FOLP Board without revision.

**Joint Resolution:** A special meeting of the boards of the two organizations had been arranged to discuss merging the two groups focused on preserving and enhancing Lafayette Park. There was a mutual feeling, expressed by several board members from each board, that the two non-profit groups had much in common, and shared the same goal of maintaining and enhancing Lafayette Park as a community asset. The ANC also had recommended that the two non-profit groups combine.

A resolution of intention to merge both groups had been drafted for each board to consider and vote on. Minor changes were made before voting.

The FoLRAP board then voted unanimously to approve the proposed resolution merging the two organizations.

The FOLP board also voted unanimously to approve the proposed resolution merging the two organizations.

*The text of the final resolution as approved by both boards:*

The Board of Directors of the Friends of Lafayette Park (FOLP) hereby resolves that our organization intends to merge our efforts on behalf of Lafayette Park with the Friends of Lafayette Recreation Center and Park (FoLRAP) and combine our organizations. The following is currently anticipated as part of that merger:

- The FoLRAP board members will join with the FOLP board and the FoLRAP board will dissolve as the organization dissolves.

- The bylaws of the FOLP will be modified by mutual board agreement to address certain concerns by the FoLRAP board members regarding membership, transparency, inclusiveness, park program support, etc.
- The members of both boards will combine into an interim board of directors for approximately 9-12 months until new voting procedures can be established and new elections held. The presidents of the two current organizations will serve as co-presidents during that period.
- Committees, which will include members of both boards, will be formed to address such issues as revised bylaws, mission priorities, finances and fund raising.

It was agreed that Jeff Stoiber and Keith Jones would become a committee to review and draft revisions to the FOLP bylaws to present to the combined board.

The text of a draft joint public statement announcing the merger of the two groups would be finalized immediately and released to the public and media, and posted on the FOLP website.

**Fall Clean-Up Day:** The date for the FOLP fall clean-up day was set for Oct. 28, 2017, from 9 a.m. to noon. Laura Phinizy will set up a Sign-up Genius link for volunteers for the clean-up day.

**Next Meeting:** The next meeting was scheduled for Nov. 7, 2017, at 7:30 p.m., location TBD.