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**Board Minutes
Of the Friends of Lafayette Park
November 27, 2018**

Attendees: Co-President Jeff Stoiber, Co-President Elizabeth Engel, Dennis Smyth, Tad Stewart, Judy Goodman, Keith Jones and Patty Myler.

Minutes: Minutes for the September 19, 2018, FOLP board meeting were approved without revision.

Treasurer's Report: Dennis Smyth submitted the Treasurer's report. He outlined recent expenses (for gardens maintenance); and this left a balance of \$1,126.01 in the account as of November 27. The Board again discussed needing to seek additional donations, particularly for the increased costs of garden maintenance; and noted the annual campaign would be mailed in a few days, in early December.

Annual Fund-Raising Mailer: The board approved the final draft of the mailing piece, suggesting a few minor changes. The mail piece would be mailed to about 400 homes, consisting of supporters over the past 4 years and new residents in Chevy Chase-DC in 2018 living near the park. The annual campaign is the FOLP's main source of donations (tax-deductible).

Park Issues: The board discussed various projects or issues in the park. One issue that has drawn complaints from the community is lack of open access to the tennis courts. Concerns have been raised, including to the ANC, that the courts get monopolized by contractors giving tennis lessons. DPR needs to monitor and enforce its rules for use of tennis courts. The FOLP supports open access to the park for all.

The need for lighting for safety and security concerns in the upper field and along the paths was discussed again. Another issue of concern is groups of people, likely teenagers, coming to the park after dark when the park is closed, and creating disturbances. The police have increased their patrols of the park at night.

The board noted that the punch list following the school renovation as it impacted the park is still not addressed by the city. The FOLP has provided a list of unfinished items to senior city officials, who say they will address the list. However, nothing has been done after many months of contacting city officials.

In addition, the board is continuing to track the stormwater runoff and erosion issues in the park, which need to be addressed at the same time the new rec center is constructed. The FOLP has made DPR and the project architect aware of the severe problems.

Fall Clean-Up Day: The board discussed pushing the date back deeper into November, rather than last weekend of October or early November. Additional leaves will have fallen and more end-of-season clean-up needed in the gardens.

New Business: None

Next Meeting: The next meeting was scheduled for Jan. 22, 2019, at 7:30 p.m.