

City of Ann Arbor

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Ann Arbor, MI 48104

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Meeting Minutes

Friday, February 15, 2019

9:00 AM

Special Meeting

**Larcom City Hall, 301 E Huron St, Second floor, City Council
workroom**

Elizabeth Dean Fund Committee

I CALL TO ORDER

Ben Muth called the meeting to order at 9:22 a.m.

Present 6 - Benjamin Maier Muth, Susan Perry, Edith Bletcher, R. Donald Wortman, Molly Maciejewski, and Cara Arheit

Absent 3 - Ken Westerman, Elisabeth Merrill C. Dudley, and Monica Milla

II APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Approved as presented

III APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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Approved by the Commission and forwarded to the City Council due back on 3/18/2019

IV BUSINESS

1. FY19 BUDGET AND PROJECTS UPDATES

2. DISCUSSION ITEM #1: Urban Forestry & Natural Resources Planning

Molly Maciejewski provided an update on the vacancy.

3. DISCUSSION ITEM #2: FY20 and FY21 Budget

19-0262 Dean Fund Balance Sheet 1-2-19

19-0368 Dean Fund Budget Allocation - FY 20

Sue Perry called for discussion. No motion to amend.

Approved as presented

COMMUNICATIONS

19-0370 Dean Fund FY 2019/2020 Priorities

Mr. Muth introduced a list of FY2019/2020 Priorities.

1. Dean Promenade/ Main Street

Matt Waldsmith suggested a tree on Liberty outside Shinola & Kilwin's could be replaced.

2. Huron St., Main to Division

Molly Maciejewski noted that DDA is in negotiations with MDOT regarding the streetscape changes

3. Gateways to Ann Arbor

Matt Waldsmith suggested replacement of 2 trees.

4. Notable Roads/Boulevards

Molly Maciejewski suggested planting at the Eisenhower and Packard split, and planting on 1st St. near the Blind Pig.

5. Landmark/Sentinel Trees

Mr. Wortman would like for the Dean Fund to be recognized when the Landmark Tree study is completed.

6. Residential areas/ Neighborhoods

Matt Waldsmith suggested the area south of Scio Church. Molly Maciejewski pulled up the pruning cycle map and noted that this area is up for maintenance this coming year and suggested focusing on an area further out in the street tree pruning cycle.

7. Assisting City Maintenance Schedules

Molly Maciejewski gave an update on the citizen planting initiative.

Approved by council and progressing to planning and promoting to the public. Matt Waldsmith suggested sending information in the resident's water bills.

V NEXT AGENDA ITEMS**19-0370** Dean Fund FY 2019/2020 Priorities**VI PUBLIC COMMENT**

Students present from Skyline High School's AP Government class requested clarification of the budget's allocation. Mr. Muth replied. Students expressed an interest in learning more about the care of city trees. Mr. Muth asked the students for ideas regarding how to reach the public to disseminate information.

Suggestions included:

- Pamphlet distribution in school

- *Guest speakers for science classes*
- *Field trips that include hands-on learning*
- *Signage in parks educating the general public on trees & tree care*

VII ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Muth moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:59 a.m. Mr. Wortman seconded.

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