

# City of Ann Arbor

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Ann Arbor, MI 48104

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## Meeting Minutes - Final

Tuesday, July 12, 2022

9:00 AM

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Electronic Meeting

**Elizabeth Dean Fund Committee**

**CALL TO ORDER**

*Meeting called to order at 9:00 AM.*

**ROLL CALL**

- *Chairperson Wortman: participating remotely from Ann Arbor, Washtenaw County, Michigan.*
- *Member Nybell: participating remotely from Ann Arbor, Washtenaw County, Michigan.*
- *Member Dudley: participating remotely from Ann Arbor, Washtenaw County, Michigan.*
- *Member Collins: participating remotely from Ann Arbor, Washtenaw County, Michigan.*
- *Member Wieland: participating remotely from Ann Arbor, Washtenaw County, Michigan.*

*Note: Tiffany Giacobazzi is Staff Liaison and non-voting member of the committee.*

*Staff Present: Adam Fercho, Landscape Architect - Parks; Sean Reynolds, Community Sustainability Coordinator - OSI*

**Present** 6 - R. Donald Wortman, Tiffany Giacobazzi, Elizabeth (Beth) Collins, Elisabeth Merrill C. Dudley, Lynn Nybell, and Richard Wieland

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Nybell moved to approve the agenda as presented. Collins seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

[22-1191](#) June 14, 2022 Meeting Minutes

**Collins moved to approve the June 14, 2022 meeting minutes as presented. Wieland seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

**BUSINESS**

Introduction - Richard Wieland

*Member Wieland introduced himself. He has recently moved back to Ann Arbor after retiring from the Navy. He recently completed the Citizen's Academy and is looking to be busy and engaged. He is excited to join the committee.*

Gallup Park E. Dean Stone & Interpretive Sign Update & Discussion - Adam Fercho, Lauren De Silva

*Parks staff updated the committee on progress made on the interpretive sign and tree planting project proposed in Gallup Park. Staff asks for liaison to work with Parks' staff between meetings on content and design. Members Collins and Dudley volunteered and will act as liaisons from the committee on this project. They will updated the committee as needed on this project.*

**Collins moved to approve spending not more than \$1,000.00 on the Gallup Park Elizabeth Dean tree planting. Wieland seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

Equity-Focused Tree Planting Discussion: Outreach & Notification - Committee & Sean Reynolds

*OSI staff updated the committee on engagement efforts and projects undertaken in the Bryant Neighborhood. The committee would like to work with the Bryant Neighborhood on a large-scale tree planting. They are also considering doing tree removal and stump grinding, if budgets allow. OSI received a Healthy Babies, Bright Futures grant to plant trees on private property. Planting happened Fall 2021. 32 trees were planted at 12 households. OSI staff is going to work with two liaisons from the committee on this project. Members Nybell and Wieland volunteered to lead this project. They will updated the committee as necessary on this project.*

Project Proposals - Tiffany Giacobazzi

**22-1194** Housing Commission Project Proposal

*The committee supports pruning work at Housing Commission properties. They await an answer from City Finance on whether Dean Fund dollars can be spent on these properties.*

Staff Report - Tiffany Giacobazzi

**22-1190** July Staff Report

*Staff updated the committee on a newly discovered invasive species in Michigan: Beech Leaf Disease.*

## Budget Reports &amp; Updates - Tiffany Giacobazzi

*Staff updated the committee on the FY2023 budget.*

**22-1192** July Budget Report**22-1193** July Projects & Budget Breakdown

## Arbor Day Planting - Tiffany Giacobazzi

*The committee selected Friday, September 30, 2022 as their Arbor Day celebration. The committee will meet at 10:00 AM to plant two trees at a yet to be determined location. Options include:*

- Downtown*
- A pocket park*
- Gallup Park*
- Bryant Community Center*
- City Hall*
- Near the Farmer's Market*

*Staff will review locations and bring a recommendation to the August meeting.*

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**NEXT AGENDA ITEMS**

- *Arbor Day*
- *Update: Gallup Park Liaisons*
- *Update: Bryant Neighborhood Planting Liaisons*

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Nybell moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:20 AM. Collins seconded.  
Motion passed unanimously.**