

City of Ann Arbor

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Ann Arbor, MI 48104

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Meeting Minutes - Draft

Tuesday, December 10, 2019

9:00 AM

Larcom City Hall, 301 E Huron St, First floor, south conference
room

Elizabeth Dean Fund Committee

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 9:05 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Present 6 - Benjamin Maier Muth, Edith Bletcher, Ken Westerman, R. Donald Wortman, Tiffany Giacobazzi, and Elizabeth (Beth) Collins

Absent 1 - Elisabeth Merrill C. Dudley

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Westerman moved to accept the agenda as presented. Wortman seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[19-2149](#) EDFC Meeting Minutes 10.08.19

Muth moved to add "unanimously" after all approved motions in the October 8, 2019 meeting minutes. Westerman seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Westerman moved to accepted the Meeting Minutes as amended. Wortman seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

BUSINESS

Introduction of new EDFC Member: Beth Collins

Beth Collins, a resident from Ward 5, introduced herself.

[19-2172](#) December Staff Liaison Report

Vet's Park Update

EDF Committee members do not want a single tree species planted. They have concerns about planting a monoculture. They would like to see a connection in the planting to the oak grove near the skate park. Committee members would like to see the following species, or similar

mix of species, integrated into the planting plan:

1. Swamp white oak
2. London planetree
3. Red maple

Committee members would like to see a revised plan at the February 2020 meeting.

Cranbrook Park Tree Planting

Parks staff would like to plant one or two trees along the walking path in Cranbrook Park, for a not-to-exceed cost of \$600.00.

Bletcher moved to cover the costs of two trees to be planted by parks staff in Cranbrook Park, not to exceed \$600.00. Seconded by Wortman. Motion passed unanimously.

Hanover Square Park Tree Planting

Parks staff would like to fill vacant planting sites and remove declining trees at Hanover Square Park. They have two options up for consideration:

Option A: Planting two trees in the empty tree pits for a not-to-exceed cost of \$600.00.

Option B: Removing two declining trees and planting four trees in the tree pits for a not-to-exceed cost of \$1,200.00.

Wortman moved to approve accept Option B, covering the cost of four replacement trees in Hanover Square Park, with a not-to-exceed cost of \$1,200.00. Bletcher seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Riverside Park Tree Planting

Parks staff are requesting succession plantings of redbud trees in the redbud grove in Riverside Park. They presented two options for consideration by he EDFC:

Option A: Planting 5 trees, for a not-to-exceed cost of \$1,500.00.

Option B: Planting 10 trees, for a not-to-exceed costs of \$3,000.00.

Wortman moved to approve accept Option B, covering the cost of 10 replacement redbud trees in Riverside Park, with a not-to-exceed cost of \$3,000.00. Collins seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

[19-2150](#) EDFC Budget Report

[19-2151](#) Projects Update & Financial Breakdown

DISCUSSION ITEMS

ITEM #1: FY20 Budget Update

EDFC intends to try and work within the current budget. All projects approved thus far for FY20 should not require a budget amendment.

ITEM #2: FY21 Budget Planning

FY21 Budget Allocations:

- #6317: Post Plant Care: \$12,000.00
 - #6320: Trimming: \$12,000.00
 - #6325: Stump Removal: \$1,800.00
 - #6327: Tree Planting: \$24,000.00
 - #6329: Tree Removals: \$10,200.00
- GRAND TOTAL: \$60,000.00**

Westerman moved to keep Fiscal Year 2021 budget and activity allocations funding levels the same as previous fiscal years at \$60,000.00. Collins seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

NEXT AGENDA ITEMS

Project Updates.

Soliciting projects from the community. Options for outreach to the community.

PUBLIC COMMENT

ADJOURNMENT

Collins moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:23 a.m. Seconded by Wortman. Motion passed unanimously.

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