

**Dean Fund Committee Meeting**  
**October 13, 2009**  
**Wheeler Center**  
**4251 Stone School Rd., Ann Arbor**  
**MINUTES**

**Members Present:** John Bassett, Chuck Cares, Al Gallup, Don Gray

**Members Absent:** Warren Attarian, Merrill Dudley, John Remsberg

**Staff Present:** Kerry Gray, Kay Sicheneder

**Don Gray** called the meeting to order at 8:25 a.m.

**Previous Meeting Minutes**

The minutes from the September 16 meeting were reviewed. **John Bassett motioned** to approve the June 23 meeting minutes. **Chuck Cares seconded.** Committee unanimously approved.

**Budget**

Committee reviewed budget documents.

**Dean Promenade**

**Kerry Gray** described the work that needs to be done on the Dean Promenade. Several Littleleaf Linden trees towards the William end of Main Street are dying and need to be removed/replaced. The remaining trees on the Promenade need to be trimmed. The trimming and removal work would be done in the fall/winter with replanting to occur in spring. The replacement trees are to be Ginkgos, to match the trees that were planted last year on the Promenade in front of Connor O'Neills. The cost of the project is \$9500. **Al Gallup motioned** to approve the project as described at a cost of \$9500. **Mr. Bassett seconded.** Committee unanimously approved.

**Old Fourth Ward Planting**

**Ms. Sicheneder** described the progress of the planting in the Old Fourth Ward. The crews have encountered a lot of overhead and underground utilities, along with parking/traffic issues that have made this planting more challenging than most. However, the crews are moving along and should be finished with the project in the next few weeks. They have planted larger 2" balled and burlapped trees. The species used have included several species of oak, tuliptree, serviceberry, hornbeam, river birch and cherry.

**Project Proposal Form**

Committee members are fine with the proposal form that was updated and approved last fall. **Ms. Gray** suggested that the form should be on the Dean Fund's webpage and the Committee agreed. **Ms. Gray** will add it to the website when the Dean Fund web page is updated.

### **Reinvesting in the Corpus**

**Tabled for future meeting.**

### **Feasibility of Alternative Fund**

**Mr. Cares** spoke with Cheryl Elliott at the Community Foundation about the possibility of setting up an alternative fund. \$10,000 is needed to establish the fund and then a minimum of \$50,000 would need to be raised before the fund could start being drawn upon. 4% of the fund per year could be given out and 1% per year would go to the Community Foundation for administration. **Mr. Cares** stated that he believed more people would be more willing to donate to the Community Foundation than to the City. **Tabled for future meeting.**

### **Staggering Terms**

**Ms. Gray** is gathering information on this. **Tabled for future meeting.**

### **Website**

**Ms. Gray** provided the Committee with the current content of the Dean Fund's web page. She stated that she would like to update this and was interested in the Committee's input. The Committee suggested that she draft changes to the website and pass along the committee for comment.

### **Next Meeting Agenda Items**

- Field Tour
  - Sites planted this spring and fall
  - Potential project sites, Spring 2010 and beyond

**Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 10 at 9:00 a.m. meet at Wheeler Center- Field Tour.**