

**Dean Fund Committee Meeting
March 11, 2014
Wheeler Center
4251 Stone School Rd., Ann Arbor
MINUTES**

Members Present: John Bassett, Edith Bletcher, Jane Immonen, Patrick Ion, Ben Muth

Members Absent: Sue Perry

Staff Present: Kerry Gray and Steve Goebel

Jane Immonen called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

Public Comment: None.

Action Item #1- Approve March 11 Agenda

DFC reviewed March 11 agenda **John Bassett motioned to approve the agenda; Edith Bletcher seconded.** Committee unanimously approved.

Action Item #2- February 18 Meeting Minutes

DFC reviewed February 18 meeting minutes. **Mr. Bassett motioned to approve the minutes; Patrick Ion seconded.** Committee unanimously approved.

Information Item #1: Update FY14 Budget

No budget changes since February meeting. Balance in City pool of investments \$146,054.

Project Name	Approved Amount	Status
Remove stumps and replace the two dead Honeylocust trees in the Dean Promenade	\$2,000.00	Stump removal and tree planting spring 2014
Watering of street trees (Post Planting Care in budget)	\$12,600.00	Due to the relatively wet summer, there has not been a lot street tree watering.
Replacement of dead newly planted street trees	\$10,000.00	Completed. Dean Fund cost \$9,400.
Citizen Pruner Tools	\$1,000.00	Will purchase from local source – estimate from Stadium Hardware- 15 hand saws and 15 loppers.
Total	\$25,600.00	
Remaining Unencumbered Budget	\$26,400.00	

Information Item #2: Next Meeting Date (04/8/2014)

Agenda Items: Invite Matt Horning, City Treasurer to attend; Elizabeth Dean Fund anniversary celebration.

Information Item #3: Introduction of new Forestry Supervisor, Steve Goebel

Steve Goebel joined the city as the Field Operations Supervisor for Forestry on March 3. Mr. Goebel comes to Ann Arbor from the City of Grand Rapids Forestry department where he served as an arborist and crew leader.

Discussion Item #1: Elizabeth Dean Fund research

Staff will continue to look into files to look into research.

Discussion Item #2: Elizabeth Dean Fund 50th Anniversary

Kerry Gray researched the idea for the banners for the light poles on Main Street. The light poles are planning to be replaced. The light poles will be replaced at different times and the size of the banners will be different so this is not a good option. **Ms. Gray** suggested tagging the trees in the Dean Promenade by wrapping a ribbon around the trunk and attaching a tag. The tags would thank Ms. Dean and promote the 50th anniversary of her gift to the City.

Other ideas for the tree tags, estimating the benefits that all of the trees that have been planted by the Elizabeth Dean Fund and listing the number of trees planted. This tree was planted with money from the Elizabeth Dean Fund Trust.

Edi Bletcher suggested giving something out. The Dean Fund cannot pay to provide outreach material so funding would need to come from another source.

Ms. Gray will look into the possibility of adding something to Waste Watchers and Water Matters city publications about the Elizabeth Dean Fund and caring for and maintaining trees.

Ms. Bletcher suggested the Committee look into having a State resolution honoring Elizabeth Dean. Possibly have Representative Rebekah Warren sponsor it.

The Committee would like to do a tree planting on the Dean Promenade on May 30 to plant the two trees that need replacing and to plant a tree in the Elizabeth Dean Fund Grove.

Discussion Item #3: Dean Fund Committee Activities

Resolution to City Council to allow Dean Fund Committee to plan a celebration

Discussion Item #4: Future Project Ideas

Rejuvenation projects old west side and the neighborhood

Discussion Item #5: Promotion

Elizabeth Dean Fund press release- contact Communications Office for the May 30 event and Elizabeth Dean Day.

Ben Muth will contact the Ann Arbor Observer and will send them to **Ms. Immonen** and she will coordinate.

Discussion Item #6: Urban and Community Forest Management Plan

Ms. Gray reminded Committee that comments on the draft plan are due March 28.

Need to update bylaws to include the correct terms. See about having Edi Bletcher and Sue Perry to a one-year term expiring July 31, 2014.

Ms. Immonen adjourned the meeting at 10:24 a.m.

DEAN FUND BUDGET	FY 14	FY 15
Investment Income <i>(Projected)</i>	\$27,000	\$25,000
Prior Year Fund Balance	\$25,000	\$25,000
Total	\$52,000	\$50,000

Current FY2014 Approved Projects-- Budget: \$52,000

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Citizen Pruner Tools	1,000.00
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