

City of Ann Arbor

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Meeting Minutes - Final

Tuesday, February 9, 2021

9:00 AM

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Electronic Meeting

Elizabeth Dean Fund Committee

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 9:01 AM.

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

Present 6 - Ken Westerman, R. Donald Wortman, Tiffany Giacobazzi, Elizabeth (Beth) Collins, Ravi Raghani, and Samuel Burnstein

Absent 1 - Elisabeth Merrill C. Dudley

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[21-0234](#) Elizabeth Dean Fund Committee Meeting Minutes of January 12, 2021

Westerman move to approve the 01.12.2021 meeting minutes as presented. Raghani seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

BUSINESS

Guest Speakers

Hillary Hanzel, Park Planner & Landscape Architect - Hillary is a landscape architect for the Parks Department and creates landscape plans for park projects. She has worked on some of the EDFC projects in the past.

Adam Fercho, Landscape Architect - Adam is a landscape architect for the Parks Department and helps create landscape plans and implement projects for EDFC projects.

Kellee Byard, Urban Forestry Technician - Kellee stepped into the urban forestry technician role in early January 2021. She has her BS in Environment from the University of Michigan. She has some experience working at the Botanical Gardens here in Ann Arbor. She will be

coordinating EDFC projects as one of her main job responsibilities.

Robert Mulcihy, Boards & Commissions Coordinator - Robert introduced himself to attendees not present at the January meeting. He is the new Boards & Commissions Coordinator for the City.

Committee Terms: Update from Robert Mulcihy

Robert updated the committee on terms and vacancies. Terms for the EDFC are two (2) years, with no term limits. There is one vacancy, however, a candidate has been recommended by the Mayor for approval by City Council. He expects the recommendation to make it to City Council's agenda by late February or early March.

21-0245 February Staff Report

21-0233 Updated Riverside Park Proposed Landscape Plan

Staff updated the committee on species selection and that request for quotes has been sent out to local nurseries. Project is on track for planting spring 2021.

21-0257 Jackson & Westover Median Landscape Plan

Twenty (20) trees can be planted in the Jackson Median. Large and medium shade trees and small flowering trees will be planted in this median area. This is a gateway into Ann Arbor and the committee is excited to beautify this entryway into the city.

Westerman moved to approve the landscape plan as presented for the Jackson Median planting project, with a not-to-exceed cost of \$12,000.00. Collins seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

21-0256 Leslie Science & Nature Center Concept Master Plan

This project was tabled by the committee. The committee is interested in this project, but need additional information before they commit any funding. The committee asks that the petitioner attends a future EDFC meeting once they have a landscape plan and budget information to discuss the project in detail.

Interpretive Signage at Riverside and Gallop Parks

The committee discussed the potential for interpretive signage at either Riverside or Gallup parks with Hillary and Adam. The committee is possibly interested in signage that will showcase the legacy of Elizabeth Dean, the committee, the importance of urban forestry, and Arbor Day to the city. Hillary and Adam agreed to meet with their supervisor and come up with potential ideas for discussion with the committee.

21-0232 February Budget Report

21-0238 February Projects & Budget Breakdown

Staff neglected to include all projects approved by the committee at the January committee meeting. Staff will update and include all approved projects from the January and February committee meetings for the March meeting.

Arbor Day 2021

The committee is excited with all the ideas for Arbor Day 2021. They would like to further explore the "40 Trees at 40 Homes" idea. Kellee will further explore this. Additionally, the committee encourages city staff to follow through with the Arbor Day website, Arbor Day Poster Contest, the Scavenger Hunt, and Activities to do from home. Staff proposed holding Arbor Day in September 2021 to allow for adequate planning time for planting the proposed number of trees in front of homes.

21-0239 Arbor Day Ideas

NEXT AGENDA ITEMS

- Riverside Park project update
- Jackson Median project update
- S. 7th Street project update
- Arbor Day 2021 update

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ADJOURNMENT

At 10:18 AM, Chair Wortman adjourned the meeting.