

# City of Ann Arbor

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Ann Arbor, MI 48104

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## Meeting Minutes - Draft

Tuesday, January 12, 2021

9:00 AM

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Electronic Meeting

**Elizabeth Dean Fund Committee**

**CALL TO ORDER**

*Meeting called to order at 9:02 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, Samuel Burnstein, and Elisabeth Merrill C. Dudley

**Absent** 1 - Ravi Raghani

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

[20-1833](#) 11.10.2020 Meeting Minutes

**Westerman moved to approve the 11.10.2020 meeting minutes as presented. Collins seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

**BUSINESS**

Guest Speakers

*Robert Mulcihy introduced himself and gave a brief overview of his role within the city as the new Boards & Commissions Coordinator.*

*Sean Reynolds introduced himself and gave a brief overview of his role within the city as the new Urban Trees Initiative Coordinator. He also discussed the 10,000 Trees Initiative originating from the Office of Sustainability & Innovations Department. The goal of the program is to plant 10,000+ trees on private property. Sean may be reaching out to the EDFC as a resource and potential planting partner.*

[21-0072](#) January Staff Report

*Jackson Ave. Median at Jackson Ave. & Westover St. - This project is supported by committee members. City staff will visit the area and*

*prepare a planting plan, to include species recommendations and estimated costs, for the committee to discuss and vote on at the February EDFC meeting.*

**21-0060** Riverside Park Proposed Landscape Plan

**Westerman moved to adopt the proposed Riverside Park landscape plan as is, with a total project cost not to exceed \$25,000.00. Burnstein seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

**21-0062** January Budget Report

**21-0061** January Projects & Budget Breakdown

FY2022 Budget

**20-1836** Budget Planning Comparison Sheet (FY21 vs. FY22)

**Westerman moved to approve the FY2022 budget as presented. Dudley seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

Planting Location: Discussion of criteria for priority planting sites.

*The committee decided upon the following criteria when coming up with potential planting areas.*

- Gateways into the city.
- Higher volume traffic routes.
- Urban canopy & environmental impacts.
- Partnering with parks (other stakeholders) for projects/programs to increase capacity, i.e. 10,000 Trees Initiative.
- Areas that are under served or lower income.

*Other projects will be considered. However, when searching for potential project areas, projects that will meet one or more of the above criteria will be given higher consideration.*

Arbor Day 2021

*The committee would like to celebrate Arbor Day 2021. The committee*

*would like city staff to look into an Arbor Day Program and the likelihood of an in-person event being possible. One area under consideration is S. 7th St. near Pioneer High School, possibly partnering with the Ecology Club.*

Committee Terms: Discuss those ending May 31, 2021

*Westerman and Dudley terms end May 31, 2021. Robert Mulcihy will check with the city legal department if they are eligible to renew for another term. If eligible, both Westerman and Dudley indicated they would apply to stay on the committee. Staff will update the committee when Robert has answers.*

#### **NEXT AGENDA ITEMS**

- Riverside Park Project*
- Jackson Median Project*

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#### **ADJOURNMENT**

**Westerman moved to adjourn at 10:37 AM. Collins seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**