

**Dean Fund Committee Meeting
December 4, 2008
Wheeler Center
4251 Stone School Rd., Ann Arbor
MINUTES**

Members Present: Warren Attarian, John Bassett, Al Gallup, Don Gray, John Remsberg

Members Absent: Charles Cares, Merrill Dudley

Staff Present: Kerry Gray, Kay Sicheneder

Guest: Molly Wade, Water Quality Manager, Systems Planning

Warren Attarian called the meeting to order at 2:35 p.m.

The purpose of this meeting is to identify project that the Dean Fund is interested in supporting with a portion of the \$208,000 fund balance that the Dean Fund currently has in the City's investment pool. This money is unspent money from previous years' DFC budgets. Once the projects are selected by the DFC, **Kerry Gray** will draft a memo for City Council to approve a supplemental appropriation from the DFC fund balance.

Potential projects for the Dean Fund Committee to support

- **Ms. Gray** provided the committee with project description sheets for several projects. The Committee reviewed three projects:
 1. ***The Model Neighborhood Project:*** a section(s) of several city streets will be selected to receive all of the treatments that are necessary for a properly managed urban forest. The treatments include pruning, tree planting, tree removal and stump grinding. The streets would serve as a demonstration area to educate residents on the city's urban forestry program and why it prunes trees, reasons for tree removal, etc. The target audience for this project is Ann Arbor residents. **Kay Sicheneder** recommended doing the project along Liberty from S. Seventh to Soule Blvd.
 - **Budget:** \$38,000 (\$31,000 to do treatments & \$7000 for the educational component.)

DFC members discussed Model Neighborhood project. **Mr. Attarian** asked what the approach the City would take to notify the residents on the streets where treatment would/would not occur. **Ms. Sicheneder** explained that a letter would be sent but that the project is still in its early planning phases and that other methods to notify residents could be utilized.

Mr. Attarian asked if there could be any neighborhoods that received “drastic” treatments (i.e. a lot of tree removals). **Ms. Sicheneder** answered yes. **Mr. Attarian** is concerned that if drastic treatments occurred and the DFC’s name was on it that it could anger City residents. **Mr. Gallup** asked if there were areas that had requested removals, trims, etc. **Ms. Sicheneder** stated that she has many requests from residents for tree work and that she could go through them to see if she could identify a street where many residents were interested in having work done on their street trees.

2. **Tree Planting:** The site selected for tree planting was based on the field tour that the DFC took in November. The site selected is along Eisenhower Parkway between Boardwalk and S. Industrial. Approximately 25 trees can be planted in this site.

- **Budget:** \$16,000 (to purchase 25 B&B trees and for City crews to plant)

DFC members discussed tree planting project. **Mr. Gallup** suggested another area that the DFC may want to consider replanting is in front of the Georgetown shopping center on Packard by Stone School. **Mr. Attarian** suggested planting on Plymouth Road east of Georgetown Blvd.

3. **Tree Inventory of City-owned street and park trees:** The City will be conducting a GIS based inventory of the City’s 60,000 street trees & planting locations and 10,000 park trees. The last inventory completed by the City was in 1994.

- **Budget:** \$247,000 (total project budget, all but \$89,800 has an identified funding source). Any interest from DFC to fund any portion of the remaining \$89,800.

DFC members discussed tree inventory project. The DFC members did not support funding any portion of this project.

John Basset motioned to support funding the Model Neighborhood Project at \$38,000 and the planting of approximately 50 trees on Packard Rd, Plymouth Road and Eisenhower Parkway at \$32,000 for a total of \$70,000 from the DFC’s fund balance. **Al Gallup seconded. Unanimously approved by members present.**

Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 20 at 8:00 a.m. at the Wheeler Center, Conference Room B.