

**Dean Fund Committee Meeting
September 11, 2012
Wheeler Center
4251 Stone School Rd., Ann Arbor
MINUTES**

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

Members Absent: Jane Immonen, Bonnie Ion

Staff Present: Kerry Gray, Kay Sicheneder

John Bassett called the meeting to order at 9:04 am.

Action Item #1- Approve September Agenda

DFC reviewed agenda. **Warren Attarian motioned to approve. John Remsberg seconded.** Committee unanimously approved.

Action Item #2- August 14 Meeting Minutes

DFC reviewed August meeting minutes. **Mr. Attarian motioned to approve. Mr. Remsberg seconded.** Committee unanimously approved.

Information Item #1: Update on Dean Fund FY 2012-13 Budget

Kay Sicheneder provided the year to date budget for FY13. **Ms. Sicheneder** will double check the amount of \$4015 for Post Plant Care to make sure that this amount is correct.

Al Gallup asked if the watering helps the trees. Ms. Sicheneder commented that a lot of trees were saved through supplemental watering this year.

Information on the Dean Trust

\$189,000 in the City Pool of Investments - pool is earning 1.52%

\$1.9 million in Dean Fund Trust - earning 1.72%

Information Item #2: Next Meeting Date

Next meeting October 9

Discussion Item #1: Ideas for potential FY13 Projects

Project #1: The Dean Fund received a proposal from Jack Richardson to address street trees with stem girdling roots.

Mr. Bassett asked about the effectiveness of the treating for stem girdling roots. **Ms. Sicheneder** responded that it depended on the trees overall health and condition and the size of the extension.

Staff will bring a list of locations to do a pilot program for the stem girdling project, criteria for evaluating trees for inclusion in the project and a pilot program budget. This proposal was tabled until the next meeting when staff will bring more information.

Project #2: Improve Eisenhower Parkway median from Main Street to Packard by doing tree removals, stumps, tree planting and trimming. Proposed budget \$35,000.00. To begin in December and be ready to plant in Spring 2013. **Al Gallup motioned to approve the Eisenhower median project to report \$35,000.00. Warren Attarian seconded.** Committee unanimously approved.

Committee would like estimate to replace Dean Fund trees that were lost in this year's drought.

Current FY 2013 Approved Projects

Project Name	Approved Amount
Watering of street trees (Post Planting Care in budget)	\$17,573.00
Eisenhower Median Project	\$35,000.00
TOTAL	\$52,735.00
Remaining Unencumbered Budget	\$27,082.00

Staff Update

Update on the UCFMP- Draft Recommendations are available for public comment. Ways to provide input:

- Public meeting on October 3, 2012 to review draft recommendations
- On-line Survey
- Moderated online town hall forum, A2 Open City Hall

Mr. Gallup motioned that the meeting be adjourned. John Remsberg seconded. Committee unanimously approved.