

**Dean Fund Committee Meeting
November 13, 2012
Wheeler Center
4251 Stone School Rd., Ann Arbor
MINUTES**

Members Present: John Bassett, Al Gallup, Jane Immonen, Bonnie Ion, John Remsberg

Members Absent: Warren Attarian

Guest: Patrick Ion

Staff Present: Kerry Gray, Kay Sicheneder

John Bassett called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

Action Item #1- Approve November Agenda

DFC reviewed agenda. **Jane Immonen** motioned to approve. **John Remsberg** seconded. Committee unanimously approved.

Action Item #2- September 11 Meeting Minutes

DFC reviewed September meeting minutes. **Mr. Remsberg** motioned to approve. **Al Gallup** seconded. Note that unencumbered budget is \$27,000. Committee unanimously approved.

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

Kay Sicheneder reviewed the budget performance report. DFC spent \$9000 to date on watering of trees. There is approximately \$27,000 remaining to spend that has not been encumbered.

Information Item #2: Next Meeting Date

December 11 meeting is cancelled. Next meeting is January 8, 2013.

Discussion Item #1: Potential FY 13 Project Ideas

- ***Review of Project Information for Eisenhower Parkway.***
Staff provided a handout about the project's scope of work which includes tree removal, stump removal, and tree planting along the Eisenhower Parkway boulevard from Ann Arbor-Saline Road to the Packard Ave. split. Items that will be addressed include crabapples that have turned into shrubs, ash stumps that have resprouted, buckthorn, and dead Austrian Pine. The removal and trimming work will be completed before the spring planting season and the tree planting will occur in the spring.
- ***Stem Girdling Root Pilot Project***
The area for the pilot would be W. Jefferson from S. First Ave. to S. Seventh St.-which has a lot of a mature maple trees that have stem girdling roots. Remediation consists of loosening of the soil, finding the roots that are girdling and cutting them if it is practical. The process would include using an air spade- a jet of air that gently exposes the roots to see what issues are affecting them. The pilot will have trees that will undergo stem girdling root treatment and also a control group which will not, to see if there is an improvement in tree health. **Ms. Sicheneder** suggested a cost of \$4500 to treat 20 trees.

Bonnie Ion motioned to approve \$4500 to conduct stem girdling root pilot project on W. Jefferson. **Ms. Immonen** seconded. Committee unanimously approved.

- Discussion about cabling and bracing and whether DFC would do it in the future. If the DFC did this work it would require monitoring on an annual basis and a line item in the budget in perpetuity to monitor these cables. **Ms. Sicheneder** said that there are new ANSI standards for cabling and bracing under review and she does not think the DFC should make a decision on whether to conduct these activities until these standards are out.
- Staff will survey the trees planted by the DFC in Spring 2013 to assess drought mortality.
- Planting by Tappan Middle School- can't plant there it is school property.

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
Stem Girdling Root Pilot Project	\$4500.00
TOTAL	\$57,073.00
Remaining Unencumbered Budget	\$22,744.00

Ms. Ion motioned that the meeting be adjourned. **Mr. Remsberg** seconded. Committee unanimously approved.