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Meeting Minutes - Draft

Tuesday, October 8, 2019

9:00 AM

Leslie Science & Nature Center, 1831 Traver Road, Walnut house

Elizabeth Dean Fund Committee

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 9:06 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Staff Present: Matt Waldsmith

Guests Present: (1) Beth Collins, 3404 Porter Road; (2) Tom Bletcher, 834 Brown Street

Present 6 - Benjamin Maier Muth, Edith Bletcher, Ken Westerman, R. Donald Wortman, Elisabeth Merrill C. Dudley, and Tiffany Giacobazzi

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Wortman moved to add ITEM #3. 2857 Packard and Bletcher moved to add ITEM #4. South 7th Street and Scio Church Tree Planting to Discussion Items. Westerman seconded. Motion Passed.

Westerman moved to approve the agenda with changes. Wortman seconded. Motion passed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

19-1909 Elizabeth Dean Fund Committee Meeting Minutes of 09-10-19

Westerman moved to approve the September 10, 2019 Meeting Minutes as presented. Bletcher seconded. Motion passed.

BUSINESS

19-1924 Staff Liaison Report

19-1705 Guardian Tree Expert LSNC Care Quote

Committee visited the orchard at the Leslie Science & Nature Center. They would like to support the care, maintenance, and succession planting of the orchard.

Wortman moved to cover the maintenance costs outlined in the Guardian Tree Service quote, less the \$500.00 tree removal costs, for a maximum expenditure of \$2,630.00. Seconded by Westerman.

Motion passed.**19-1911** EDFC Budget Report

Committee discussed the budget for FY20. There is some confusion on the amount allocated for the year. They would like the Staff Liaison to look into past meeting minutes to see what was amounts were discussed for FY20.

19-1910 Projects Update & Financial Breakdown**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

ITEM #1. Committee Vacancies Update

Notified the committee that Mayor Taylor has put forward two applications for the E. Dean Fund Committee vacancies. City Council will review the applications and make a final decision at the next City Council meeting.

ITEM #2. Identifying Areas for Tree Planting Projects

Committee members will review the Urban Tree Canopy report to see where they would like to plan future tree planting projects.

ITEM #3. Update on 2857 Packard Project

City Council denied the PUD site plan at 2857 Packard.

ITEM #4. 7th Street Tree Median Tree Planting

The committee would like to plant trees in this area, and would like the staff liaison to look to see if this area could be planted and if the committee had already allocated funds towards this project in FY19.

19-1925 Urban & Community Forest Management Plan**NEXT AGENDA ITEMS**

- 1. FY20 Budget Update*
- 2. FY21 Budget Planning*
- 3. South 7th Street Potential Tree Planting Project*

PUBLIC COMMENT

Beth Collins introduced herself as a candidate for one of the open seats on the EDFC. She also gave an update of City Council's decision of 2857 Packard, as she attended the meeting and spoke during public comment on the 2857 Packard Project.

Tom Bletcher gave some background to the EDFC on the Leslie Science and Nature Center. He also contributed to the 2857 Packard conversation, lending his support of the site plan being denied.

ADJOURNMENT

Wortman moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:33 a.m.. Seconded by Westerman. Meeting adjourned.

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