

**Dean Fund Committee Meeting
March 8, 2016 @ 9:00 a.m.
Guy C. Larcom City Hall – 6th Floor Conference Room
301 E. Huron St., Ann Arbor
MINUTES (No Quroum)**

Quorum not present

Members Present: Edith Bletcher, Jane Immonen, Ben Muth

Members Absent: Sue Perry

Staff Present: Steve Goebel, Kerry Gray

Benjamin Muth called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.

Public Comment: None

Action Item #1- Approve March 8, 2016 Agend

Quorum not present

Action Item #2- Review December 8 Meeting Notes

Reviewed December 8 meeting notes

Information item #1 FY 16 Budget

Reviewed budget report.

Information Item #2: Dean Fund Committee Membership

The press release yielded several candidates interested in serving on the Dean Fund Committee. Mayor Taylor will be putting forth one member to be appointed to the Dean Fund Committee at the March 10 City Council meeting. They will be joining the Committee at the April meeting.

Ben Muth and Edi Bletcher are up for re-appointment this year.

Information item #3: Next Meeting Date (April 12, 2016)

Agenda Items:

- Maura Thompson, Main Street Area Association to discuss maintenance of Dean Promenade
- Project Updates
- Arbor Day project follow-up

Discussion Item #1: Approved Project Status Update

Vesper Project: Forestry crew completed trimming of the crabapple trees on Vesper. Stump removal and replanting of crabapples will occur this spring.

Triangle Neighborhood: Information on final locations and plan for planting that neighborhood at the April meeting.

Discussion Item #2: Platt Road Area Tree Planting

Mr. Muth discussed interest in working with Scarlett Middle School to plant trees. It was suggested that this project be coordinated with the City’s annual Arbor Day celebration activities. Mr. Muth will discuss the project idea with his teacher contact at Scarlett Middle School and will report back at the April meeting.

Discussion Item 3: FY 2016 Project Ideas

1. **City Staff Time:** With the current number of projects City Forestry staff have to complete by the end of the fiscal year (June 30), they will not be able to take on additional Dean Fund Committee projects. Any additional projects that the Dean Fund would be interested in completing by June 30 will need to be contracted out.
2. **Citizen Pruner program:** Dean Fund Committee appropriated \$2,000 for the purchase of new tools, supplies and to support other Citizen Pruner activities.
3. **Dean Promenade on Main Street:** The Main Street Area Association has requested assistance in watering and fertilizing the beds in the Dean Promenade, approximate cost of \$5,000. The Dean Fund Committee requested that a representative from the Main Street Area Association attend an upcoming meeting to discuss project idea.

Mr. Muth adjourned the meeting at 9:57 a.m.

DEAN FUND BUDGET	FY 16
Investment Income (Projected)	\$25,000
Prior Year Fund Balance	\$30,000
Total	\$55,000

Project Name	Approved Amount	Status
Triangle Neighborhood Proposal- Tree Planting (~22 trees)	\$6,600	Approved 10/13/2015
Removal, replacement and trimming of crabapple trees on Vesper St.	\$3,600	Approved 10/13/2015
Citizen Pruner Program	\$2,000	Approved 03/08/2016
Total	\$12,200	
Remaining Unencumbered Budget	\$42,800	

2016 Meeting Calendar

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| January 12, 2016 -- CANCELLED | July 12, 2016 |
| February 9, 2016 -- CANCELLED | August 9, 2016 |
| March 8, 2016 | September 13, 2016 |
| April 12, 2016 | October 11, 2016 |
| May 10, 2016 | November 8, 2016 |
| June 14, 2016 | December 13, 2016 |