

**Dean Fund Committee Meeting**  
**January 9, 2018 @ 9:00 a.m.**  
**Guy C. Larcom City Hall – 1<sup>st</sup> floor South Conference Room**  
**301 E. Huron St., Ann Arbor**  
**MINUTES**

**Members Present:** Edith Bletcher, Monica Milla, Ben Muth, Ken Westerman, Don Wortman

**Members Absent:** Merrill Dudley

**Staff Present:** Kerry Gray, Matt Waldsmith

**Guests Present:** Sue Perry (awaiting City Council re-appointment)

**Ben Muth** called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

**Action Item #1: January 9, 2018 Agenda**

**Edith Bletcher moved** to approve January 9, 2018 agenda, as amended; **Don Wortman seconded the motion.** Dr. White and tree planting in the Diag added as Information Item #3. Committee unanimously approved.

**Action Item #2: Approve November 14, 2017 Meeting Minutes**

**Ken Westerman moved** to approve November 14, 2017 meeting minutes; **Mr. Wortman seconded the motion.** Committee unanimously approved.

**Information Item #1: FY 18 Budget and Project Update**

FY18 – No project related expenditures for this fiscal year yet. If weather permits, stumping will begin this winter. All other projects will begin in the spring.

**Discussion Item #1: Project Visioning**

- Argo Canoe Livery project to improve compaction and overall conditions for the English walnuts between the pavilion and the canoe livery building. Staff will talk with Parks and Recreation Livery staff about project idea.
- Public Housing- are there opportunities for tree maintenance within these areas. Maple Meadows, North Maple, Hikone, Green-Baxter Court, Baker Commons, Miller Manor, South Seventh across from Waterworks Park, White/State/Henry.
- Virginia Park, according to Sue Perry, approximately 70% of newly planted trees in the park have been vandalized . Is there an opportunity for additional trees to be planted. Can signs be created that say, "Please be careful with me, I'm a newly planted tree." Staff will look into.
- Street trees along Maple Road and Jackson Ave. along Veteran's Memorial Park. Staff will look into planting opportunities. Any planting on Jackson Ave. will need to be coordinated with the Michigan Department of Transportation because they have jurisdiction over the road.
- Huron – First St. to State. Is there an opportunity to improve the streetscape on this stretch? Staff discussed the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) project to improve the streetscape- staff will invite DDA to an upcoming meeting to discuss the project and identify opportunities for Dean Fund to assist with tree planting.
- Don Wortman provided information on projects he is interested in investigating (list provided at end of meeting minutes).

- Matt Waldsmith suggested work at Baker Commons along S. Main Street. Mr. Waldsmith will develop a work plan and budget for the next Dean Fund Committee meeting. Is there an opportunity for the DDA to contribute money towards this project? Staff will contact DDA.

Staff will review ideas from project visioning session and provide project summaries and budgets at upcoming meetings.

**Information Item #2: February 13, 2018 Meeting**

February 13 meeting has been re-scheduled to Tuesday, February 20.

**Information Item #3: Professor White and tree planting in the Diag/Public Comment**

Sue Perry found an interesting article about Professor White and the history of tree planting in the Diag - <https://heritage.umich.edu/stories/professor-whites-diag/>.

**Mr. Wortman moved** to adjourn the meeting, **Mr. Westerman seconded the motion.** **Mr. Muth** adjourned the meeting at 10:36 a.m.

<b>DEAN FUND BUDGET</b>	<b>FY 18</b>
<b>Investment Income (Projected)</b>	\$24,00
<b>Prior Year Fund Balance</b>	\$36,000
<b>Total</b>	\$60,000

<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Approved Amount</b>	<b>Status</b>
Post-planting care for trees on S. Industrial, S. Maple, Main Street & Slauson Middle School	\$8,200.00	<i>In progress.</i> Approved at 11/08/2016 meeting
Veteran’s Memorial Park Landscaping and Sign	\$10,000.00	<i>In progress.</i> Approved at 08/08/2017 meeting.
Large stump removals	\$3,000.00	Approved at 11/14/2017 meeting
2222 Packard Oak – soil and tissue analysis	\$135.00	Approved at 11/14/2017 meeting
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$21,335.00</b>	
<b>Remaining Unencumbered Budget</b>	<b>\$38,665.00</b>	

**2018 Meeting Calendar**

January 9, 2018	May 8, 2018	September 11, 2018
February 20, 2018	June 12, 2018	October 9, 2018
March 13, 2018	July 10, 2018	November 13, 2018
April 10, 2018	August 14, 2018	December 11, 2018

Dean Committee  
Preliminary Thoughts/Vision Priorities

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- I. Dean Promenade/Main Street
  - Future plantings?
  - Maintenance requirements?
  
- II. Gateways/Entrances to A2
  - N. Main/S. Main
  - Washtenaw
  - Jackson Rd./Huron
  - State St.
  
- III. Notable Roads/Boulevards
  - Boulevards
    - Huron Parkway
    - Eisenhower
    - S. Seventh
    - Others
  
  - Notable Roads
    - State St.
    - Washtenaw
    - Huron
  
- IV. Landmark/Sentinel Trees
  - As identified by City Staff
    - Maintenance
    - Fertilizing/Pruning
  
- V. Residential Areas/Neighborhoods