

Dean Fund Committee Meeting
January 20, 2009
Wheeler Center
4251 Stone School Rd., Ann Arbor
MINUTES

Members Present: Warren Attarian, John Bassett, Al Gallup, Don Gray

Members Absent: Charles Cares, Merrill Dudley, John Remsberg

Staff Present: Kerry Gray, Kay Sicheneder

Guest: Elaine Bater, Administrative Support Specialist, Field Operations

Warren Attarian called the meeting to order at 8:15 a.m.

The purpose of this meeting is to identify budget priorities for FY10 and FY11.

FY09 Budget

- The Committee reviewed the Dean Fund Financial report through December 31, 2008. **Elaine Bater** answered Committee members' questions. **Kay Sicheneder** identified that many of the costs associated with the DFC fall tree planting project had not been charged to the DFC fund. She will work with **Ms. Bater** to update and a new version will be emailed to Committee members.
- **Kerry Gray** told the Committee that the resolution to appropriate \$32,000 from the DFC fund balance will be going to City Council for approval on February 17. At the December meeting the DFC approved planting on Plymouth Road east of Georgetown Blvd., Packard and Eisenhower Parkway from Boardwalk to S. Industrial. This funding will plant approximately 50 trees. **Ms. Gray and Ms. Sicheneder** will be doing site visits for planting locations and will provide DFC with more information at the April 7 committee meeting.
- The Downtown Development Authority spoke to **Ms. Gray** on behalf of the Main Street business owners. They are looking for assistance from the Dean Fund Committee to help in watering the trees along the Dean Promenade on Main Street. The Dean Fund used to pay to water these trees but they stopped funding this a few years ago. The Main Street business owners have taken up the watering at a cost of \$5000 per year and are asking if the Dean Fund can pick up the tree watering costs again. The Committee members discussed the tree watering request but noted that there are also flowers planted in the tree planters along the promenade and that many of the planters are sponsored. The Committee would like to have a further discussion about this topic with the DDA and Main Street business owners. **Ms. Gray** will invite Susan Pollay from the DDA and a representative of the Main Street

business owners to the April 7 DFC meeting to discuss the watering and replacement of trees in the Dean Promenade.

FY10 and FY11

- **Ms. Bater** provided a brief discussion about the budget process. Members discussed their priorities for the FY10 and FY11 budget. The tentative budget is \$73,000 for each year. They will also be asking City Council to appropriate \$25,000 each year from the DFC fund balance. Each year's total budget is \$98,000. The breakdown by expense:

\$20,000	Post Planting Care (includes watering, small trimming, etc.)
\$ 3,000	Administration (bank charges, IT, etc.)
\$45,000	Tree Planting (tree purchase and city staff time to plant)
\$30,000	Tree Trimming
\$98,000	TOTAL

Mr. Attarian motioned to support \$98,000 for the FY10 budget and \$98,000 for the FY11 budget with the breakdown by expense as proposed above. **Don Gray seconded.**
Unanimously approved by members present.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 7 at 8:00 a.m. at the Wheeler Center, Conference Room B.