

**Dean Fund Committee Meeting
April 10, 2012
Wheeler Center
4251 Stone School Rd., Ann Arbor
MINUTES**

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

Staff Present: Kerry Gray and Kay Sicheneder

John Bassett called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

Action Item #1- Approve April Agenda

DFC reviewed agenda. **Al Gallup motioned to approve. Bonnie Ion seconded.** Committee unanimously approved.

Action Item #2- January 2012 Meeting Minutes

DFC reviewed January meeting minutes. **Warren Attarian motioned to approve. John Remsberg seconded.** Committee unanimously approved.

Information Item #1: FY12 Budget Update

Kay Sicheneder updated the Committee on the FY12. Adopted budget \$84,715, DFC is 96% spent with \$6,305 encumbered. There is not enough money to finish pruning trees on Brooklyn that are part of the rejuvenation project. **Ms. Sicheneder** underestimated the number of large trees that needed to be trimmed.

Mr. Remsberg mentioned that the cherry trees on Hikone need to be trimmed. They are suckering heavy at base. **Ms. Sicheneder** will add it to her staff's spring work list.

Park trees are maintained using money from the Parks Millage.

DFC has approximately \$169,000 in City Pool of Investments.

Information Item #2: Update on Unfinished work funded in FY12 by Project Name

Ms. Sicheneder provided an update on the memorial and honor tree plantings.

White Pines were planted along the hill that borders Huron Parkway as a screen and Serviceberry were planted around the edge of grove. A Dogwood was planted in honor of **Merrill Dudley** and a Serviceberry was planted in honor of **Don Gray**. **Ms. Sicheneder** still needs to plant a Beech or Serviceberry in memory of **Chuck Cares** and the tree in honor of **Betty Graham** needs to be replaced. Other work in the grove included, cleaning up around the butterfly garden and replanting with Bald Cypress, arborvitae, buttonbush and dogwood. The area is much more open now but will look nice as everything matures and fills in.

Information Item #3: Rejuvenation Project

See Information Item #1

Bonnie Ion will be joining the Peace Corp in January 2013. Her husband, Patrick Ion, is interested in joining the Committee. He will apply with the Mayor's office to serve on the Committee.

Discussion Item #1: Potential Spring Planting Projects

All funds have gone to the rejuvenation project there are no funds to do any tree planting.

Discussion Item #2: DFC Bylaws as drafted by Attorney’s Office

Mr. Bassett went through highlights of the changes:

- Article III- Section 4- no education events unless within purpose of committee set forth in Council resolutions
- Article IV- Section 1 - 8 voting members with 1 member from Council- currently Mayor--ask Attorney’s office if the Council Member can be non-voting since they do not attend the meetings. Ex-officio without a vote.
- Article IV- Section 5- member hold over for 60 days after expiration
- Article IV- Section 8- resignation by letter to the Mayor
- Article IV- Section 10- If a member misses more than three (3) regularly scheduled meetings in a twelve (12) month period “without cause”-- add.
- Article V- Standard boilerplate
- Article V- Section 7- annual disclosure of organization affiliations -- is this going to be a form?
- Article V- Section 8- speaking on behalf of the DFC, need to seek permission of the Chair in advance

Action Item #3: Approve DFC Bylaws

Tabled until the May meeting

Discussion Item #3: DFC Vacancy

Patrick Ion will apply for vacancy.

Information Item #4: Next meeting: Tuesday, May 8, 2012

Current FY 2012 Approved Projects

Project Name	Approved Amount*
Rejuvenation Projects- tree trimming, removals, stump grinding- Granger, Brooklyn and Morton**	\$49,100
Rejuvenation Projects- tree planting- Granger, Brooklyn and Morton	\$10,000
Post Planting Care	\$19,000
TOTAL	\$78,100
<i>*Note: This is the budgeted amount and not the actual amount expended.</i>	
<i>**Project continuation from FY11</i>	