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Meeting Minutes - Draft

Tuesday, February 6, 2024

9:00 AM

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Electronic Meeting

Elizabeth Dean Fund Committee

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 9:03 AM.

ROLL CALL

- *Chairperson Wieland: participating remotely from Washtenaw County, Michigan.*
- *Member Nybell: participating remotely from Ann Arbor, Washtenaw County, Michigan.*
- *Member Curtis: participating remotely from Ann Arbor, Washtenaw County, Michigan.*
- *Member Rosewig: participating remotely from Ann Arbor, Washtenaw County, Michigan.*

Note 1: Tiffany Giacobazzi is Staff Liaison and non-voting member of the committee.

Note 2: No quorum until 9:07 AM when Member Rosewig joined the meeting.

Staff Present: Nick Jacob, Public Works Supervisor - Forestry; Jamie Pauline, Urban Forestry Intern.

- Present** 5 - Tiffany Giacobazzi, Lynn Nybell, Richard Wieland, Brooks Curtis, and Samuel Rosewig
- Absent** 1 - Kimberley Sundy

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Added the following to the Agenda:

- *Wurster Park Black Oak*
- *July 2024 Meeting*

Nybell moved to approve the agenda as amended. Curtis seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[24-0165](#) January 9, 2024 Meeting Minutes

Curtis moved to approve the January 9, 2023, meeting minutes as presented. Rosewig seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

BUSINESS

Staff Report - Tiffany Giacobazzi

[24-0162](#) February Staff Report

Budget Report & Updates - Tiffany Giacobazzi

[24-0163](#) February Budget Report

[24-0164](#) February Projects & Budget Breakdown

Wurster Park Black oak Fertilization - Tiffany Giacobazzi

The committee and staff would like to assess the tree this spring/summer to see if fertilization treatments should be continued. The tree is showing signs of decline even with the years of fertilization treatments. They will consider fall fertilization treatment once the tree inspection has been completed.

Wieland moved to approve the \$248.00 spring fertilization of the Wurster Park black oak tree by Guardian Tree Experts. Curtis seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

3 Year Plan Discussion - Chairperson Wieland

Priority 1: Tree Planting

- Housing Commission rights-of-way (ROW) planting: Staff found 282 vacant planting sites within 500 feet of Housing Commission Properties or other low-cost housing initiatives. The committee is interested in pursuing this project. They ask staff to analyze the data to spread the plantings over two years. Staff will report out at the March meeting.

Priority 2: Maintenance & Other Activities

- Pruning Leslie Park trees near food forest: Staff will assess the trees near the food forest in Leslie Park to see if they need care/maintenance and report back to the committee by the April meeting.

- Mushroom Park: Staff will assess oak trees in Mushroom Park this spring, after leaf-out, to see if they need any specialized treatments/maintenance activities. Staff will report back to the committee by the July meeting.

Housing Commission ROW Planting Update - Jamie Pauline

Projects for FY2025 Discussion - Group

Projects for 2025:

- Mini forests/food forests: The committee is interested in pursuing a mini-forest or food forest project in one of the parks.

- Housing Commission ROW planting: The committee is interested in pursuing tree planting adjacent to Housing Commission and other low-cost housing sites.

- Enhance (smaller) neighborhood parks: The committee is interested in partnering with community centers or Adopt-A-Park to enhance small neighborhood parks that are in need of tree care, planting, and/or maintenance. They would like to focus on "what would enhance the park for the residents?"

- Bicentennial Park: The committee is interested in supporting the working happening in Bicentennial Park for the City's bicentennial celebration. Parks staff to report on this to the committee at the March meeting.

10,000 Trees Initiative & Community Action Network - Chairperson Wieland

Wieland connected with organizations that could benefit from participating in the 10,000 Trees Initiative. Staff will include the 10,000 Trees Initiative information in outreach to Community Action Networks. The committee will continue to promote this initiative with the groups they work with.

July 2024 Meeting - Tiffany Giacobazzi

Wieland moved to cancel the July Elizabeth Dean Fund Committee meeting. Curtis seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

NEXT AGENDA ITEMS

- Allocation for new planting contract and tree size*
- 3 Year Plan Discussion*

- *Leslie Park Tree Maintenance*
- *Bicentennial Park Update*
- *Housing Commission Planting Project Update*
- *Gallup Park Update*

PUBLIC COMMENT (3 minutes per speaker)

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ADJOURNMENT

**Wieland moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:59 AM. Curtis seconded.
Motion passed unanimously.**