

# **City of Ann Arbor**

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## **Meeting Minutes - Final**

**Tuesday, January 14, 2025**

**9:00 AM**

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**Webinar ID: 99642895904**

**Electronic Meeting**

**Elizabeth Dean Fund Committee**

**CALL TO ORDER**

*Chairperson Wieland called the meeting to order at 9:01 AM.*

**ROLL CALL**

*-Chairperson Wieland: participating remotely from Ann Arbor, Washtenaw County, Michigan.*

*-Member Nybell: participating remotely from Ann Arbor, Washtenaw County, Michigan.*

*-Member Curtis: participating remotely from Ann Arbor, Washtenaw County, Michigan.*

*-Member Penland: participating remotely from Ann Arbor, Washtenaw County, Michigan.*

*-Member Davenport: participating remotely from Ann Arbor, Washtenaw County, Michigan.*

*-Member Rosewig: participating remotely from Ann Arbor, Washtenaw County, Michigan. Note: Member Rosewig left the meeting at 9:59 AM. Quorum remained.*

*-Member Sundy: participating remotely from Ann Arbor, Washtenaw County, Michigan.*

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

*Staff present: Jamie Pauline, Forestry; Nick Jacob, Public Works Supervisor - Forestry.*

**Present** 8 - Tiffany Giacobazzi, Lynn Nybell, Richard Wieland, Kimberley Sundy, Brooks Curtis, Samuel Rosewig, David Penland, and Robert Davenport

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

*Add:*

*-S Maple walkthrough*

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**25-0040** November 12th, 2024 Meeting Minutes

*Top of page 3: Change to: This budget would allow for a two-year tree planting contract of \$75,000 per year.*

**Rosewig moved to accept the meeting minutes for November 12th, 2024, as amended. Sundry seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

## **BUSINESS**

Staffing Update - Tiffany Giacobazzi

*Staff Liaison Giacobazzi notified the committee she will be leaving the city in February.*

Staff Report - Tiffany Giacobazzi

**25-0045** January Staff Report

Budget Reports - Tiffany Giacobazzi

**25-0041** January 2025 Budget Report

**25-0042** January Project & Budget Breakdown

3-Year Plan Review - Richard Wieland

*Current fiscal year has approximately \$21,000 available. Committee will think of ideas for next month's meetings.*

### *FY2026 Project Ideas*

*-Adopt-A-Park volunteers are looking for trees. Approach them to see what volume they're looking for and supporting the volunteers. Member Curtis will reach out to open the conversation.*

*-Public places: Explore plantings at public locations such as libraries, playgrounds, and park benches.*

*-Past project tree planting: Jamie Pauline will look at past projects for replacement planting needs with the help of the committee. Inspection will take place in spring after trees leaf out.*

## S Maple Walkthrough

*90 potential planting sites were identified, but the proposed transit corridor could eliminate two-thirds or more of these. Pauline will overlay transit corridor map and planting area and update the count. Planting will only occur outside the transit corridor.*

## Equity Update - Jamie Pauline

*-Bus stops: The committee is considering planting trees adjacent to bus stops to provide shade for transit users. Member Rosewig will reach out to AATA to gather their input. Pauline will send project to Engineering for review.*

*-Housing Commission: The committee is considering planting trees within a 100-foot buffer radius of Housing Commission sites. Pauline counted a total of 23 small, 15 medium, and 6 large vacant planting sites. The maximum cost is \$17,475 in tree planting and \$4,224 in watering, for a total not exceeding \$21,699. She will create a map for the February meeting.*

*-S Maple Park update: Construction work has not been done here. The committee will hold off planting here.*

**25-0073** Suggested Bus Stop Vacancies**25-0075** Housing Commission-Adjacent Tree Vacancies

## South Maple Park Update - Jamie Pauline

## Temporary Signage - Jamie Pauline

*Committee chose Slide 11 for the sign. This will be sent to Parks for feedback.*

**25-0078** Elizabeth Dean Signage V2

## 2025 Outreach Events - Tiffany Giacobazzi

*Engagement Activities*

*-January: OSI event - Richard Wieland*

*-May: Huron River Days - Richard Wieland*

*-September: Green Fair - Richard Wieland*

Observer Article - Richard Wieland

*The article has been postponed but will be published in the future.*

Buhr Park Mini-Forest - Richard Wieland

*Pocket forest organizers may approach the committee for additional funding for watering in the future. They have been encouraged to seek other funding options for watering.*

Other Ideas - Richard Wieland

*Reach out to Guardian Tree about treatment of elms across Ann Arbor.*

**PUBLIC COMMENT (3 minutes per speaker)**

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**NEXT AGENDA ITEMS**

*- Equity planting update: S Maple, bus stops, Housing Commission  
-Look ahead to FY2026  
-Elm tree treatments*

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Davenport moved to adjourn the meeting. Curtis seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 10:26 AM.**