

**Dean Fund Committee Meeting
July 14, 2015
Wheeler Center
4251 Stone School Rd., Ann Arbor
MINUTES**

Members Present: Edith Bletcher, Jane Immonen, Bryan Kelly, Ben Muth

Members Absent: Sue Perry, Patrick Ion

Staff Present: Steve Goebel

Jane Immonen called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.

Public Comment: None

Action Item #1- Approve July 14 Agenda

Ben Muth motioned to approve April 14 agenda. **Bryan Kelly** seconded. Committee unanimously approved.

Action Item #2- Approve April 14 Meeting Minutes

Bryan Kelly motioned to approve April 14, 2015 minutes as amended. **Edith Bletcher** seconded. Committee unanimously approved.

Information item #1 FY 15 Budget & Project Updates/ FY16 Dean Fund Budget:

FY 15 Dean Fund Budget & Project Updates:

- The entire FY15 Dean Fund budget was spent. The budget funded the following projects:
 - Tree planting- replacement of newly planted dead trees
 - Structural Pruning of small/medium trees
 - Post plant care (watering)
 - Tree planting in the Dean Promenade
- The approved project to remove/replace crabapple trees along Vesper was not completed in FY15 because of staff resources. The project will be completed in FY2016, if approved by the Dean Fund Committee.

FY 16 Dean Fund Budget:

- The City may need to hire contractors in the spring of 2016 to complete the Vesper project, if the project is approved by the Dean Fund Committee. If approved, staff would contact several contractors for estimates on planting crabapples on Vesper.

Information item #2: Next Meeting Date (August 11, 2015)

No agenda items discussed.

Discussion Item #1: FY2 016 Project ideas

- Tree tags at Dean Promenade- could staff apply tags for the upcoming Art Fair weekend? Steve Goebel will see if this is possible under short notice.
- **Bryan Kelly** suggested tree planting on Huron between State and Main. Staff explained that Jackson/Huron/Washtenaw is Michigan Department of Transportation right-of-way and is under their jurisdiction. Further information and history needs to be gathered as to how this area came to be the way that it is.
- The project to replace crabapple right-of-way trees at Vets Park was discussed. This may be a project that Park Millage could fund instead of the Dean Fund. Further investigation into utilizing Park Millage is required.
- Discussion about signage/raising awareness for the Dean Fund. Need to discuss matter further with Kerry Gray
- A high profile location to plant trees may be the new Library lot/park.

Discussion Item #2: Other Committee Member Items

- None

<u>DEAN FUND BUDGET</u>	<u>FY 16</u>
Investment Income <i>(Projected)</i>	\$25,000
Prior Year Fund Balance	\$30,000
Total	\$55,000

<u>DEAN FUND BUDGET</u>	<u>FY 17</u>
Investment Income <i>(Projected)</i>	\$27,500
Prior Year Fund Balance	\$30,000
Total	\$57,500

Ms. Immonen adjourned the meeting at 10 a.m.

2015 Meeting Calendar

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~~February 10, 2015~~
~~March 10, 2015~~
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