

# **City of Ann Arbor**

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*Ann Arbor, MI 48104*

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## **Meeting Minutes - Final**

**Thursday, February 16, 2023**

**9:00 AM**

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**Electronic Meeting**

**Elizabeth Dean Fund Committee**

**CALL TO ORDER**

*Meeting called to order at 9:06 AM.*

**ROLL CALL**

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

*NOTE: Quorum lost at 10:30 AM when Member Nybell left the meeting.*

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

*Staff Present: Jamie Pauline, Urban Forestry Intern*

**Present** 5 - R. Donald Wortman, Tiffany Giacobazzi, Lynn Nybell, Richard Wieland, and Kimberley Sundy

**Absent** 1 - Elisabeth Merrill C. Dudley

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

- *Move 4th Ward Project Proposal before Budget Discussion.*
- *Add S. State Street Project Discussion to the Agenda.*

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

[23-0251](#) Elizabeth Dean Fund Committee January 11, 2023 Meeting Minutes

**Nybell moved to approve the minutes as presented. Wieland seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

**BUSINESS**

Staff Report - Tiffany Giacobazzi

*Staff updated the committee on vacancy statuses, the urban forest management plan, and urban wood utilization pilot program.*

[23-0253](#) February 16, 2023 Staff Report

Project Proposals - Jamie Pauline

*The committee is reviewing the project, but needs additional information from staff before making a decision. Staff will inspect the neighborhood to confirm proposed sites are viable planting sites and when the trees are scheduled to be pruned. Information will be brought to the March meeting.*

[23-0252](#) Old 4th Ward Historic District Project Proposal

Budget Reports & Updates - Tiffany Giacobazzi

[23-0257](#) February 2023 Budget Report

[23-0256](#) February 2023 Project & Budget Breakdown

FY2024 Budget Discussion - Tiffany Giacobazzi

[23-0260](#) FY2024 Budget Recommendations Report

*The committee will make further dollar allocations within the total \$60,000.00 budget at the March meeting when additional information is known on the possible extension of the current planting contract.*

**Wieland moved to approve the FY2024 budget in the amount of \$60,000.00. Nybell seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

Bryant Park Liaisons Update - Lynn Nybell & Richard Wieland

*To date, there have been 3 responses to the survey. The committee would like to switch to an "opt-out" model. Staff will create a door card that will include the opt-out information. Committee members will work with Community Action Network staff on holding a neighborhood meeting about the plantings. This meeting information will be included on the door card. Members Nybell, Wieland, and Sundy will attend the community meeting.*

*Note: Member Wieland disclosed that his family's trust will be meeting with the Community Center, independent of his committee connections, about a possible donation to them.*

Tree Equity Planting Project Update - Jamie Pauline

*Wieland, Nybell, and staff have looked at several tracts and recommend the committee move Tract 4042 next. This is along S. Maple Road. Staff will begin assessing those areas for planting.*

*Staff will be working in Tract 4046 and will assess it for possible planting.*

*Staff will reach out to Parks staff regarding tree planting in Arbor Oaks Park.*

*Staff will look at the Hikome Neighborhood to see if it fits within the Equity-based Planting criteria for possible planting.*

*Tract 4036 is no longer in consideration as it falls on private property.*

Gallup Park Liaison Update - Merrill Dudley

*Member Dudley was absent. To keep this project moving forward, Chair Wortman will step in as Liaison on this project. Staff (forestry & parks) will meet with Members Wortman and Sundy prior to the March meeting to discuss the interpretive sign.*

S. State Street Potential Tree Project

*Wortman proposed the median at S. State Street, just north of Ellsworth Road as a potential planting site, outside of the equity plantings. The committee was supportive of the proposal. Staff will look at how many trees can be planted and bring potential project costs to the next meeting.*

*The committee is also interested in possibly planting in the paved*

*median on State north of I-94 and south of E. Eisenhower Parkway. Staff will reach out to Engineering to see if there is a reason that median is all concrete or if there is opportunity for removal of concrete and tree plantings.*

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

*Susan Wineberg, 712 E. Ann Street:  
Susan submitted the 4th Ward Tree Planting Project Proposal. Entryways into town are a good idea. Her neighborhood is an entryway to the Farmers market and Kerry Town. Streets are in bad shape because of the traffic. Heavy student neighborhood and landlords are not paying attention to having trees. There are still some gaps in the tree planting from this past fall. Kingsley – going to and from Zingerman’s is a high-traffic area and could use some trees. Please check out the blank spots between plantings. The list provided to the EDFC is incomplete list and would like the area planted. EDFC planted in the neighborhood before and hopes they will again.*

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#### **NEXT AGENDA ITEMS**

- Gallup Liaisons update*
- Bryant Liaisons update*
- Tree Equity Plantings update*
- Margolis Contract update*
- 4th Ward Project Proposal update*
- Visioning / Goal Setting Session: What are your top priorities*

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

*Due to lack of quorum, Chair Wortman closed the meeting at 10:50 AM.*