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Meeting Minutes - Final

Tuesday, January 9, 2024

9:00 AM

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Electronic Meeting

Elizabeth Dean Fund Committee

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 9:01 AM.

ROLL CALL

- *Chairperson Wieland: participating remotely from Washtenaw County, Michigan.*
- *Member Sundy: participating remotely from Ann Arbor, Washtenaw County, Michigan.*
- *Member Wortman: 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: Member Rosewig left the meeting at 10:00 AM. Quorum remained.

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

Present 6 - R. Donald Wortman, Tiffany Giacobazzi, Richard Wieland, Kimberley Sundy, Brooks Curtis, and Samuel Rosewig

Absent 1 - Lynn Nybell

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Wortman moved to approve the agenda. Curtis seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[23-1886](#) October 10, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Curtis moved to approve the October 10, 2023 meeting minutes. Wortman seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

24-0006

Sundy moved to approve the November 14, 2023 meeting minutes. Wortman seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

BUSINESS

Financial Update - Ed Ader

Due to Mark to Market accounting, the committee needs to adjust the FY2025 budget request from \$80,000.00 to \$70,000.00. The fair market value of the asset doesn't support the original budget increase request. Staff and the committee will watch the budget and adjust plantings as numbers come in and adjust project size as necessary.

Curtis moved to set decrease the FY2025 Elizabeth Dean Fund Committee budget to \$70,000.00. Wortman seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

24-0007

Financial & Project Discussion - Richard Wieland

The committee reviewed the longterm budget plan based on the new FY2025 budget request.

Priority 1 (plantings):

- The committee decided not to replace the Hikone project and to roll the funds allocated for that project over.*
- The committee would like to identify thoroughfare areas where people walk and bike to plant on the south side of these corridors to provide shade and reduce heat island effect.*
- The committee would like to plant in the rights-of-way adjacent to Housing Commission properties.*

Priority 2 (maintenance):

- Leslie Park: The trees near the food forest in Leslie Park look like they could use some help. This could be a possible location for tree maintenance activities.*
- Kerry Town/Main Street: Take a second look at when Routine Pruning is set to take place here.*

Budget Reports & Updates - Tiffany Giacobazzi

[23-0008](#) January 2023 Projects & Budget Breakdown

[24-0009](#)

Planting Project Updates - Jamie Pauline & Group

NEXT AGENDA ITEMS

- *Projects for FY2025: Priority 1 (planting) & 2 (maintenance)*
- *Leslie Park: Maintenance by Food Forest*
- *Bicentennial Park*
- *Housing Commission Planting: rough number of trees*

PUBLIC COMMENT (3 minutes per speaker)

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ADJOURNMENT

The committee thanked Member Wortman for his many years of commitment to the Elizabeth Dean Fund Committee and Ann Arbor's urban forest. He will be missed and we wish him well. Thank you Don!

Wieland moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:22 AM. Curtis seconded. Motion passed unanimously.