

City of Ann Arbor

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Meeting Minutes - Draft

Tuesday, March 10, 2020

9:00 AM

**Larcom City Hall, 301 E Huron St, First floor, south conference
room**

Elizabeth Dean Fund Committee

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 9:05 a.m.

Staff Present: Matt Waldsmith, Dan McConnell

Present 6 - Benjamin Maier Muth, Edith Bletcher, Ken Westerman, R. Donald Wortman, Tiffany Giacobazzi, and Elizabeth (Beth) Collins

Absent 1 - Elisabeth Merrill C. Dudley

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Westerman moved to accept the agenda as presented. Collins seconded. Motion passed unanimously

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

20-0421 EDFC Meeting Minutes 12.10.2019

Westerman moved to accept the December 10, 2019 meeting minutes as presented. Wortman seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

BUSINESS

Introduction of Dan McConnell, Urban Forestry Intern.

Dan McConnell, Urban Forestry Intern introduced himself and gave a bit of his background.

20-0415 March 2020 Staff Liaison Report

20-0419 Soldier's Row Planting Concept Landscape Plan

EDF Committee members appreciate the northern red oak trees being added to the design. They would like to move forward with this landscape plan and have the Staff Liaison obtain quotes for the project to be presented at the April 14, 2020 committee meeting.

Bletcher moved to approve the updated February 26, 2020 Soldier's Row landscape plan. Collins seconded. Motion passed

unanimously.

20-0422 Guardian Tree Proposal: White Oak Fertilization

Westerman moved to cover the costs of two fertilization treatments, one in the spring and one in the fall, for the white oak near Lake Trust Credit Union on Packard. Wortman seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

20-0416 EDFC March 2020 Budget Report

20-0417 FY2020 Projects Update & Financial Breakdown

Tappen Middle School was planted during the spring of 2019. The trees are under warranty and will be replaced by the planting contractor. The \$4,000.00 allocated for this project are no longer needed.

Wortman moved to unencumber the \$4,000.00 allocated for the Tappen Middle School Tree Planting project. Bletcher seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

20-0418 FY2021 Projects Update & Financial Breakdown

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Board Vacancies & 2020 Term Expirations

Members Collins, Dudley, and Wortman have terms that expire on May 31, 2020. They are eligible for reappointment. Members Muth and Bletcher are term limited and will rotate off of the committee this year. Their terms are set to expire on May 31, 2020.

Committee members will reach out to those they think may be interested in sitting on the EDFC.

2857 Packard Update

CM Bannister is looking for funding sources to have the City purchase the 2857 Packard property. Development has not yet begun on that site.

Resident Tree Planting Program Update

There were 9 participants to the Resident Tree Planting Program. There are already residents reaching out to the Forestry Office to participate in the Fall 2020 Planting Program.

Citizen Pruner Program Update

The Citizen Pruner program wrapped up for the year. Resident participation in this program remains strong.

FY2021 Budget Update

Briarwood Mall Landscaping Update

This site has been sent over to the City Planning for a site compliance check. It has been added to their work queue.

NEXT AGENDA ITEMS

- FY20 Project Updates
- Potential Projects for FY21
 - Parks
 - Streets plantings
 - Neighborhoods to be planted
- Committee Membership Update

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ryan Stanton, MLive (111 N. Ashley) was in attendance.

Mr. Stanton asked why the trees were coming down outside the Hands-on Museum.

Answer: This is a Downtown Development Authority project and they are being removed for a complete tear out and reconstruction of the Huron Corridor.

Mr. Stanton also wished to interview Committee Chair, Ben Muth about the Vet's Park Soldier Row Tree Planting Project the Committee is undertaking this spring. Mr. Muth participated in the interview.

ADJOURNMENT

Wortman moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:16 a.m. Seconded by Collins. Motion passed unanimously.

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