

City of Ann Arbor

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Meeting Minutes - Final

Tuesday, October 10, 2023

9:00 AM

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Electronic Meeting

Elizabeth Dean Fund Committee

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 9:00 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 Nybell: participating remotely from Ann Arbor, Washtenaw County, Michigan.*

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

Staff Present: Nick Jacob, Public Works Supervisor - Forestry

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[23-1681](#) September 12, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Curtis moved to approve the September 12, 2023 meeting minutes as presented. Wortman seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

BUSINESS

Staff Report - Tiffany Giacobazzi

[23-1682](#) October EDFC Staff Report

Budget Reports & Updates - Tiffany Giacobazzi

[23-1683](#) October Budget Report

[23-1684](#) October Projects & Budget Breakdown

FY2025 Budget & Shovel Ready Projects Discussion - Richard Wieland

The committee likes the longterm budget plan.

Priority 1: The committee and staff will walk the Hikone, Green Baxter, and Creekside neighborhoods to identify potential planting sites.

Priority 2: Staff will send out a general request for trees that may need treatment to parks staff. If none are brought forward, the committee will entertain treating elms identified by Guardian Tree in the spring.

Priority 3: The committee would like to keep the trees within the DDA on the list for treatment, maintenance or removal as needed. Bradford pears are a concern to the committee as they are likely ending their useful lifespan.

Note: The committee cannot plant in the Arrowwood neighborhood because it is all private. There are no city rights-of-way.

[23-1685](#) Elizabeth Dean Longer Term Plan & Priorities

Wortman moved to increase the FY2025 Elizabeth Dean Fund Committee budget to \$80,000.00. Sundry seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Non-Monitory Priorities Discussion- Richard Wieland

The committee is interested in improving publicity and recognition of the good works accomplished with the funds left to the city by Elizabeth Dean. This could include signage.

PUBLIC COMMENT (3 minutes per speaker)

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NEXT AGENDA ITEMS

- *Priority 1: Plantings*
- *Priority 2: Oak trees*
- *Bird Hills*
- *Gallup Park*
- *Buhr Project Update*
- *S. Maple*
- *Temporary Signage*
- *West Park Update*

ADJOURNMENT

Wieland moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:31 AM. Curtis seconded. Motion passed unanimously.