

ORIENTAL GARDEN COMMITTEE MEETING

THURSDAY APRIL 28TH, 2016

CITY HALL, ALTON IL.

The Spring meeting of the City of Alton Oriental Garden Committee was held at the Alton City Hall on April 28th 2016 at 4:00 PM.

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Sadiq Mohyuddin. Committee members present:

Michael Haynes

Talat Mohyuddin

Sadiq Mohyuddin

Yusuf Mohyuddin

Charles Sheppard

Joan Sheppard

Peggy Tavernier

Kim Clark-ex. Asst. to Mayor Walker

APPROVAL OF MINUTES LAST MEETING

The minutes of the September 17th, 2015 meeting were read. There was a motion by Joan Sheppard to approve the minutes. Talat Mohyuddin seconded. Minutes were approved as read.

OLD BUSINESS

Joan Sheppard inquired if the committee had received a bill from Ben Chu for the pruning of existing weeping cherry tree at the garden. Michael Haynes will check to see if the bill was received.

Ben Chu, Director of the Missouri Botanical Garden, made several visits to the Oriental Garden to assess design and needs. The hill behind the gazebo was marked for placement of five new Japanese Cherry trees, these trees have been donated by Waldbart Nursery. The trees were planted by the Alton Park & Recreation Dept. and are doing very well.

There was a motion made by Talat Mohyuddin and seconded by Joan Sheppard for payment of the bill from Ben Chu for the pruning. The motion was approved. The bill will go to the city for approval.

There was a motion by Peggy Tavernier and seconded by Talat Mohyuddin to ask the mayor for a letter of thanks to be sent to Waldbart Nursery for the donation of the cherry trees. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

The committee will begin compiling a list of potential donors to help with further improvements at the garden. It was discussed that a reception/party be held later this year at the garden to show the potential donors some of the improvements that have been done and what is proposed for the future. Peggy Tavernier will look into decorations. Talat and Sadiq Mohyuddin offered to supply food. Dr. Randy Rogalsky will be contacted to request his assistance in beverages. Dr. Sadiq will obtain medical staff lists from Saint Anthony's and Alton Memorial hospitals for guest list. It was suggested that original members and families of the Oriental Garden Committee Pride board and city officials also be invited.

Peggy Tavernier will obtain information on gazebo purchase/design that is available. It is hoped that existing gazebo be replaced by October. Designs will be on display for potential donors at the reception. We will also look into the possibility of this display being placed in city hall.

The pump for the pond is ready to be turned on per Michael Haynes. It was thought to have a small ceremony for this, and that will be planned. However, with the early warm weather, the pump will be turned on now and then a ceremony will be held a little later.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be called as needed.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 4:55PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Tavernier
Secretary