

ORIENTAL GARDEN COMMITTEE MEETING
THURSDAY JUNE 9TH, 2016
CITY HALL, ALTON, IL.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:00PM.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Dr. Sadiq Mohyuddin
Talat Mohyuddin
Michael Haynes
Joan Sheppard
Charles Sheppard
Peggy Tavernier

OTHERS PRESENT

Kim Clark
Dr. Wei Lin

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the April 28th meeting were given to the committee. Joan Sheppard moved to accept the minutes as written, Michael Haynes seconded. Minutes approved.

FINANCIAL REPORT

No change.

OLD BUSINESS

Peggy Tavernier presented photos and bid from The Amish Gazebo Company in Pennsylvania. The design and cost were discussed. Charles Sheppard moved to accept the design and approve funds for the gazebo. Also to have the city place the order. This is a priority since the current bid of \$7717.00 is only good till the end of June. The motion was seconded by Talat Mohyuddin. The motion was approved.

Fund raising was discussed. All checks should be made payable to the Oriental Garden Fund/City of Alton, IL.

Michael Haynes and Kim Clark will check as to the need for tax deductible documentation.

Peggy Tavernier presented a draft of a fund raising brochure. The committee voted to continue with the plan. Joan Sheppard and Peggy Tavernier will work on this.

There was a discussion about possible groups to contact about fund raising. These were: Pride, Inc., Alton Godfrey Rotary Club, Alton Beautification and Riverbend Growth Assn. It was also suggested that we be represented at a Business After Hours. Kim will check on this. It was noted that these contacts should be presented with fund raising brochures.

The construction of the gazebo was discussed. Michael Haynes said the delivery will be during peak season for park dept. staff. He will contact Bob Barnhart for input. It was suggested that we see if any unions/construction firms be interested, since original work was done by these groups. It was also suggested we contact Dale Chapman at Lewis & Clark College to see if any student groups/classes would be available. The delivery date will be about the end of August and the gazebo will be stored in the bath house.

Further development of the remaining acreage was discussed. It was suggested we see if Ben Chu would be interested in planning for landscaping. Joan Sheppard will contact him. When plans are finalized they will be presented to city hall for approval.

Peggy Tavernier what the procedure is for mailings and postage since this is a city committee. Kim Clark will get that information.

Removal of the existing gazebo was discussed. A motion was made by Peggy Tavernier and seconded by Dr. Sadiq Mohyuddin, to have the current gazebo demolished by the city. Motion approved. Michael Haynes will take request to the next council meeting.

Joan Sheppard remarked on the beautiful Women of Achievement bench that has been placed near the lake. She would like for the president of that organization be invited to speak at the dedication of the new gazebo. Further discussion about the dedication and guests followed. Peggy Tavernier presented drafts of a thank you letter and invitation to the dedication. Peggy also presented a rough sketch of a possible logo for the Oriental Garden. This was discussed and Joan Sheppard will contact her daughter, a graphic artist, for her help.

NEW BUSINESS

Dr. Sadiq Mohyuddin introduced Dr. Wei Lin, a new oncologist at Saint Anthony's Hospital. She is from Shanghai, China. Dr. Lin was surprised and pleased that the Alton area had an oriental garden. Dr. Sadiq Mohyuddin moved that Dr. Lin be placed on the Oriental Garden Committee. Joan Sheppard seconded. Approved. Dr. Lin is pleased to work with the committee.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 5:00PM.

Respectfully submitted, Peggy Tavernier, secretary