

ORIENTAL GARDEN COMMITTEE MEETING

THURSDAY JULY 14TH, 2016

CITY HALL, ALTON IL.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Dr. Sadiq Mohyuddin

Talat Mohyuddin

Michael Haynes

Joan Sheppard

Charles Sheppard

Dr. Nadia Mohyuddin

Peggy Tavernier

OTHERS PRESENT

Brant Walker

Kimberly Clark

Matt Asselmeier

MEMBERS ABSENT

Yusuf Mohyuddin

Dr. Wei Lin

Fatima Kahn

GUESTS

We thank Mayor Walker and Matt Asselmeier for attending. Their insight is invaluable.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes were read and Sadiq Mohyuddin moved to approve minutes, second by Joan Sheppard.
Motion passed.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Approximately \$5,000 in fund. Will contact Cindy Roth for documents.

OLD BUSINESS

It was brought to the committee's attention by Matt Asselmeier that the original resolution by the City of Alton has a seven-member board. The members of the original board were,

Dr. Sadiq Mohyuddin, Talat Mohyuddin, Dr. Yusuf Mohyuddin, Joan Sheppard, Fatima Kahn, Dr. Nadia Mohyuddin and Rhonda Lewis.

Rhonda resigned and was presumably replaced by Michael Haynes. Charles Sheppard, Peggy Tavernier and Dr. Wei Lin need to have their appointments approved.

A discussion followed and it was requested the city to prepare a resolution to increase the number of members to eleven. Matt will send request to city attorney. When that is approved, membership will be presented to city for appointment.

Matt also pointed out several members still need to take the Open Meeting test.

Talat raised question regarding "Honorary Membership". This was discussed. Matt pointed out that according to state law members must be present or follow the guidelines for remote attendance, which is very limited.

The mayor spoke about the water features in Alton and how the one at the Oriental Garden completes all the work.

The old gazebo will be torn down, tomorrow at 1:00PM for those who can attend.

Peggy Tavernier reported that she received a paid in full invoice from Amish Country Gazebos and the order is progressing. She also gave Michael Haynes and Charles Sheppard copies of the instillation packet she received.

The brochure was discussed and several changes were suggested. Peggy will take care of the changes. A motion was made by Joan Sheppard and a second by Talat Mohyuddin to order 2000 brochures from Schwartzkopf Printing for \$495.00. Peggy will get a copy to them when all changes are made. We will also need e-copy for computerized mailing.

A discussion about mailing followed. The city does not have bulk mailing. It was suggested we ask Schwartzkopf if they do this and get a cost. Michael Haynes said he had the e-mailing list for the Parks Dep. And maybe we could save on the cost of postage. A motion was made by Joan Sheppard and seconded by Talat Mohyuddin to approve \$250.00 for postage. Motion passed.

Mayor Walker affirmed that all donations are tax deductible. This will be added to the brochure.

We will also add the city seal and park dept. logos to the mailer.

The question of a link for direct donations be looked into. Will hold printing till this info is available.

The city has never received an invoice from Waldbart Nursery for the five cherry trees. Joan was wondering if this was a donation.

Ben Chu has been contacted about consulting for a design landscape for the garden area. He would be delighted. Joan will contact him and relay our delight. Charles Sheppard and Sheppard Morgan & Schwaab donated several topographic maps to aid the planning of the garden. Talat Mohyuddin said that a thank you was in order.

NEW BUSINESS

Nothing new at this time.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be August 11, 2016 at 4:00PM at city hall.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 5:15PM

Respectfully submitted, Peggy Tavernier, Secretary