

ORIENTAL GARDEN COMMITTEE MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 15TH, 2016

1. The meeting was called to order at 4:15PM at Alton city hall.

2. Members present:

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

Members absent:

Fatima Khan, Nadia Mohyuddin, Wei Lin

3. Minutes of the previous meeting were passed out and read by Peggy Tavernier. Motion by Charles Sheppard, 2nd by Talat Mohyuddin to accept the minutes as read. Motion passed.

4. Treasure's report by Joan Sheppard shows balance of \$5002.14, with \$3125.00 being given to the treasurer's office today. Giving us a total of \$ \$8127.14.

5. Old Business

The gazebo arriver Aug. 31, 2016 and is being stored at the bath house until it is erected. Michael reported that Bobby Barnhart is getting bids for the foundation work and the city will hire the construction of the gazebo. This should be in the next 2-3 weeks.

Yusuf asked about the koi. They are still there but the water is somewhat murkey and they can only be seen when feeding. It was suggested we have fish food avail. For the dedication. Charles Sheppard agreed to donate the food. We will get small cups to set on a table for guests to feed the fish.

Painting of the bridges was discussed. Joan will contact Ben Chu for his input on the color.

Mailing of brochures is done with the exception of any personal requests. Extra stamped envelopes were made available to the committee members to take and mail. Michael was asked to check his e-mailing status to see if the documents had gone out.

Kim Clark has worked on a beautiful invitation. It was presented to the committee and with slight changes will be printed by her. She will let Peggy know when it is available. Peggy has a list of invitees from the donations. Other invitees were discussed. Kim will e-mail her list of city officials and business people. These will be added to the list. A list of original members was given to Sadiq Mohyuddin to be contacted for the dedication.

Peggy reported the site is booked for the dedication along with the Munsterman being available in case of rain. Tables, chairs, podium (with Michael checking on a sound system), trash cans will be provided by the Parks dept.

Peggy asked for a few volunteers on Fri Oct. 28th and Sat. Oct 29th. To help decorate.

A draft of the program was passed out. We still need to fill in several areas of the program. Speakers at this time include: Mayor Walker, Sadiq Mohyuddin, Joni Karandjeff and Ben Chu.

Food for the reception is being worked on by Yusuf Mohyuddin and Peggy. They are going out after the meeting to call on a few restaurants. We will also need drinks, plates, napkins and water. Talat and Peggy have ice chests and there is an ice machine at the bath house.

Sadiq requested a list of expenses for the next meeting.

Peggy reminded everyone about the Business After Hours on Thurs, 22nd. She has reservations set up.

Date of the next two meetings are, September 29th and October 13th at city hall.

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

Respectfully submitted, Peggy Tavernier, Secretary