

ORIENTAL GARDEN COMMITTEE MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 29TH, 2016

1. The meeting was called to order at 405 pm at Alton City Hall.
2. Members present:

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

Members absent:

Fatima Khan, Nadia Mohyuddin and Wei Lin
3. Minutes of the previous meeting were passed out and read by Peggy Tavernier. One correction noted by Peggy about location of next meeting. It will be at the park and not at City Hall. Motion by Joan Sheppard, second by Talat Mohyuddin to accept the minutes as corrected. Motion passed.
4. Treasure's report by Joan Sheppard shows a balance of \$8127.14 as of last meeting, with a deposit today of \$1175.00, making a total balance of \$9322.14.

An itemized expense list was presented by Joan. Bills already approved and paid total \$8212.00. Bills outstanding for postage and office supplies total \$92.11. A motion was made by Charles Sheppard and seconded by Michael Haynes to accept the report. Motion passed.
5. Old Business

Gazebo: Michael reported the old pad was demolished and the new one was being poured tomorrow. This has to cure for one week and then construction can begin. The look will be a gray slate. No color has been decided on, so until we have input from Ben Chu we will leave the bridges their current gray color.

Donations:

As per treasurer's report.

Press coverage: Peggy will contact the Telegraph, Advantage and Riverbender for an article. Video was also discussed.

Food:

Yusuf and Peggy went to several restaurants after the last meeting. Red Lobster donated \$20.00 in gift cards. Possible donations from Rivera Maya and Tony's to come. Yusuf will be contacting several other places tomorrow. Michael offered beer and soda from the Parks dept. Yusuf pledged \$100.00 for soda. Talat thinks we need veggie trays. Joan asked about fortune cookies, Talat will look into this. Talat also has several disposable chaffing dishes she will bring. Food will have to be picked up the day of the dedication.

Speakers are coming along and the program will be printed 1-2 days before the dedication.

Invitations:

Peggy reported she will be mailing the first of October. Invitations and envelopes were made available for the committee to send or hand out.

Dedication:

Michael has a pa system. We will have a vocalist. Song ideas were discussed. Chuck is good with being MC if he has a script. Peggy will supply. There will be a park Gater available the day of dedication for hauling. Michael also mentioned he has tall round tables he will bring.

6. New business

None

7. The next meeting will be, October 13th, 2016 at 4pm at the Garden in Gordon Moore Park.

8. There being no further business a motion was made by Talat and seconded by Chuck to adjourn. Motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 455pm.

Respectfully submitted, Peggy Tavernier-secretary