



RESOLUTION # 18-13

Phalen Regional Park Garden Naming

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Approval of a naming request for garden in Phalen Regional Park.

STAFF COMMENTS; Minnesota China Friendship Garden Society was established in 1988 by then Mayor George Latimer. The idea to construct a China Garden in St. Paul was conceived in 2010. Since 2010, the Minnesota China Friendship Garden Society (Society) has been working to privately fundraise for the garden. The Society has risen over \$700,000 and construction is currently underway for three elements of the garden – the Xiang Jiang Pavilion, Hmong Heritage Wall, and West Entrance Arch.

The Society is requesting approval for four official names which reflect the unique cultural connections of the project. Naming requests for the garden are:

Official English Name: St. Paul – Changsha, China Friendship Garden

Official Chinese Name: Liu ming yuan (reflected in Chinese characters)

Official Hmong Name: LUB VAJ PHOOJ YWG (“The Garden of Friendship”)

Official Poetic Name: St. Paul – Changsha, China Friendship Garden of Whispering Willows and Flowing Waters

All four names will be reflected in the overall garden “logo” and be carved on a larger entrance stone just inside the garden.

The names were approved by the Minnesota China Friendship Society board as well as the Payne Phalen District Council. Staff has reviewed the naming requests and recommends approval.

COMMISSION REQUEST: Approval of selected name.

COMMUNITY CONCERNS: None related to the proposed naming.

Attached:

Friendship Garden Naming Request by Minnesota China Friendship Garden Society