The Garden, a microcosm where all powers and forces of nature are present, will be an aid to educators as a cultural resource, to global investors in understanding China more broadly, and to the community as a window into China’s rich cultural heritage.

“Bei Ming Yuan”
The Garden of Northern Brightness

- First traditional Northern-style Chinese Garden in the United States
- Sister-City project between City of Minneapolis and its sister-city Harbin, Heilongjiang, China
- Located in the SE corner of Washburn Fair Oaks Park across from the Minneapolis Institute of Arts
- Partnering with Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board

Garden Highlights:
- Open garden design that works with existing varied topography
- Northern-style open-air pavilion (20x20 or 20x40) for picnics, weddings, concerts
- Moon Gate "entrance"
- Paved walkways
- Chinese Bridge over water feature
- Sitting areas (covered and benches)
- Decorative Chinese rock
- Four season use
- Fully wheelchair accessible
- Sustainable and low maintenance park design

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