Site Dedication of St. Paul-Changsha China Friendship Garden Phalen Regional Park July 9, 2016

Lion Dancers lead procession with Linda Mealey-Lohmann, President of the MN China Friendship Garden Society, to the China Friendship Garden site

Carole Hyder, International Feng Shui expert & China Garden Advisor, leads Feng Shui Ritual

Site Dedication sign placed in the ground

Senator Hawj, Charles Vu, Bill Pesek, Representative Tim Mahoney, Linda Mealey-Lohmann, Brenda Fong

Hmong Elder Uncle Charles Vu leads Hmong blessing

Group photo with participants
Lion Dancers perform at the opening Ceremony of the 2016 Dragon Boat Festival at Phalen Park

Hmong Qeej Musicians perform for the Site Dedication at Phalen Park

Linda Mealey-Lohmann, President of the MN China Friendship Garden Society, gives welcome speech at Site Dedication
Site Dedication Ceremony
For the St. Paul-Changsha China Friendship Garden
Phalen Regional Park
July 9, 2016

In addition to the speakers, Other Dignitaries included: Director of St. Paul Parks & Rec Mike Hahm, China Garden Society Board Members & Advisors: Joyce Hsiao, Mary Warpeha, Carole Hyder, Weiming Lu, Bill Zajicek, Romi Slowiak, Brenda Fong, Bill Pesek, Robert Jacobson, Jeff Wang; Liaison Noah Vang, Architects Alice Messer and Bryan Murphy.
Site Dedication Ceremony

Distinguished Speakers
(pictured left to right):
- Linda Mealey-Lohmann,
  Former Mayor George Latimer
  (Signatory to 1998 Sister-City Agreement),
- MN Senator Foung Hawj,
- MN Representative Tim Mahoney,
- St. Paul City Councilmember Dai Thao,
- Hmong 18 Council President Wa Houa Vue
Former St. Paul Mayor George Latimer (Signatory to the 1988 Sister-City Agreement) and Linda Mealey-Lohmann, President of the MN China Friendship Garden Society, at the “Meditation” sculpture created by Changsha Master sculptor Lei Yixin, installed in Phalen Park in 2006.
SIGHTS OF THE DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL AT PHALEN PARK—JUY 9-10, 2016
US-China Peoples Friendship Association-MN Chapter’s “TEAM FRIENDSHIP” Dragon Boat Team and fans Weiming Lu and Linda Mealey-Lohmann
US-China Peoples Friendship Association-Minnesota Chapter’s “Team Friendship” competes
18th ANNUAL DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL AT PHALEN PARK—JULY 9-10, 2016

Phalen Park grounds with “Meditation” Sculpture next to temporary performance stage

MN China Friendship Garden Society / US-China Peoples Friendship Association-MN Chapter booth (Pictured left to right, Linda Mealey-Lohmann, Mary Warpeha, Romi Slowiak)